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KUWIAT CITY (AFP) — Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri left bere Wednesday with Kuwaiti promises to contribute more to Lebanon's post-war re-construction, Lebanese officials and a Kuwaiti economist said. Knwait's emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, and other officials promised Mr. Hariri that the emirate was ready to help Lebanon rebuild form its 1975-1990 civil war, a Lebanese official travelling with Mr. Hariri said. The director general of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFED), Bader Al Homadi, will visit Lebanon by Friday to discuss another loan, another Lebanese official said.

#### Israelis fire at Lebanese gunboat

TYRE (AP) - Two Israeli helicopters fired warning shots at a Lebanese navy gunboat Wednesday when it strayed into waters off Israel's self-styled "security zone" while chasing fishermen illegally using dynamite to catch fish. Security sources said the gunboat was not hit. It was the first time that Israeli helicopters had fired on a Lebanese naval

#### **OAU** to discuss Libyan crisis

CAIRO (AFP) - Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Secretary-General Salim Ahmad Salim said Wednesday that he expected the pan-African body to discuss Libya's dispute with the West over the Lockerbie bomb-ing. Mr. Salim told a press briefing that Libya bad requested that the matter be brought before the OAU, whose foreign ministers are meeting here to prepare next week's African summit. "I expect that some discussion of this issue will take place."

#### Businessman challenges Mubarak

CAIRO (R) - An Egyptian businessman has launched a solitary and almost certainly doomed challenge to replace Hosni Mubarak as president of Egypt when his second six-year term runs out in October. Ahmad Kamel, 52, a business consultant from the Mediterranean City of Alexandria, told Reuters on Wednesday: "I'm really serious about my nomination for the presidency." Officials scoffed at the attempt and one called Mr. Kamel a lunatic. The state-run newspaper Al Akhbar published two paragraphs about his challenge on its front page under the headline "Democracy in Egypt."

### Quake jolts Iran city

NICOSIA (AP) — A powerful earthquake jolted the city of Gachsaran in southwestern Iran, destroying 70 houses and injuring several people, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Wednesday. The agency said the quake in the province of Kohkiluyeh-Boyer Ahmad struck at 21:04 (1634 GMT) Tuesday. and measured 5.6 on the openended Richter scale. Electricity and water supplies in Gachsaran and nearby villages which also suffered damage, were cul off, IRNA said. It said roads to IIvillages near Gachsaran were closed due to landslides.

### All in Iran

NICOSIA (R) - Former boxing ace Mohammad Ali has arrived in Tebran on bis way to Baghdad to mediate the release of prisoners remaining from the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war, Iran's IRNA news agency said on Wednesday. It said the former heavyweight champion, making his second visit to Iran since May, arrived Tuesday night. He would stay in Iran for three days before setting out on his mediation mission to

### Iran seizes drugs

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iranian authorities seized 2,238 kilogrammes of various drugs and arrested 882 suspected traffickers in a series of raids this month, staterun tadio said Wednesday. The security forces smashed thirteen gangs of smugglers. Tebran Radio said without giving further details. The anti-drug squad chief, Ali Sbafii, said 8,615 drug addicts were also arrested. according to the radio.

## **King: Clinton assured** tragedy of Palestinians would be overcome

His Majesty, however, calls for clarifying for Palestinians what the end result may be

Combined agency dispatches

WASHINGTON - King Hussein called Wednesday for Mideast negotiators to provide the Palestinians with a clear idea of what their future would he in a

settlement with Israel. He also offered closer ties between Jordan and the Palestinians. The King did not elaborate. Some analysts have suggested Jordan could be a moderating influence on any Palesti-nian self-ruling authority. Appearing at a gathering of 250

Middle East specialists and jour-nalists at Brookings Institution, a research organisation, the King said his government insists that the peace process produce a settlement "that future generations can accept and live with." It must uphold interests of the

Palestinians, who "yearn to have their say regarding their rights on their legitimate soil," be asserted. King Hussein bas been here for

a week, trying to repair the strain in relations caused by the King's criticism of the U.S.-led coalition that liberated Kuwait from Iraq

"We identify with the United States," he said. "We've been warmly received. In the world of

WASHINGTON (Agencies) --

Israel has proposed speeding up

the transfer of some governing

responsibilities in the occupied

West Bank and Gaza Strip to the

Palestinians, in an effort to spur

ahead Middle East peace talks

U.S. Secretary of State Warren

Christopber said Wednesday that

he was personally involved in the

current round of Middle East

peace talks, and said he was

hopeful they would make prog-

talks," Mr. Cbristopber said.

'The United States has been

playing its role of full partner...

we have been very active on all"

At the close of Tuesday's meet-

ing, Israeli delegate Elyakim

Rubinstein proposed accelerating

the transfer of responsibilities in

education, bealth, tourism, wel-

fare, labour and other domains to

The Israeli military in the West

Bank and the Gaza Strip now hire

local Palestinians to carry out

litating the establishment of an

interim autonomous authority,

not to substitute it. It is important

to get down to brass tacks as soon

This proposal is aimed at faci-

the Palestinians.

those functions.

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King Hussein said President Bill Clinton has assured him "the tragedy" of the Palestinians would be overcome.

As King Hussein spoke peace talks plodded on at the State Department without evident sign of progress. The most productive front is Israel's talks with Jordan. The King said Tuesday he was

Israel proposes speeding up

Hanan Absrawi, spokeswoman

for the Palestinian delegation,

said Tuesday that her team would

respond to the Israeli proposal

after consulting with the Palestine

Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Isreali proposal "is not new" and

that its purpose was to "shatter

the powers of the future Palesti-.

nian autonomous authority into

agreement and an elected auton-

omous authority... we do not

want to become mere civil ser-

Palestinian deputy chief nego-

tiator Saeb Erakat said that he

considered the Israeli proposal

ress in this round before the

round is done," Mr. Christopher

told reporters as the 10th round

of the Arab-Israeli talks con-

tiuned elsewhere in the State

these matters develop over the

Dr. Ashrawi said the most vital

issues for the Palestinians are the

Israeli settlements in the occu-

next several days," he said.

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Palestinian empowerment

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ciples worked out by Israeli and Jordanian negotiators (see sepa-

Far more difficult is the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations over some form of self-rule for the Palestimans on the West Bank

King Hussein said there was "a need to clarify for the Palesti-nians what the end result might look like." He described the possibilities as "limitless" and de-clared Jerusalem, which Israel bas declared as its "indivisible capital," of equal importance to

three religions.

The Palestinians are insisting that the negotiations lay the groundwork for an independent state of Palestine with its capital in Jerusalem.

King Hussein said he prefers continuing the current Middle East diplomatic negotiations over suggested dramatic meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The King was asked by an Israeli Television reporter if he would consider meeting the prime minister of Israel in occu-

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Palestinians said Tuesday dnr-

ing a meeting with Dennis Ross,

the U.S. State Department's spe-

cial coordinator for the Middle

East, that they want an auton-

Syrians and Israelis meanwhile

resumed talks Wednesday, with

Damascus continuing to demand

that Israel withdraw from the

occupied territories, most notably

Israel had demanded that be-

fore it withdraws its forces from

Golan Heights, the two countries

must first normalise relations and

exchange ambassadors and that

Damascus define its concept of

on the Clinton administration

give up all of the Golan Heights.

Department stalemated, Muwaf-

faq Al Allaf said the administra-

tion should step in "not to negoti-

ate for the parties but only to

ensure that the parties do respect

the resolutions on which the

Tuesday to persuade Israel to

With negotiations at the State

Syria's chief negntiator called

Arab East Jerusalem

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the Golan Heights.

### **Experts present shared vision** of Palestinian economy, role

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

MOROCCAN HUSTINGS: Amina Lemrini

(right), a communist candidate in legislative elec-

tions in Marocco, campaigns Wednesday in a

AMMAN — Palestinian, Jordanian and Israeli economists bave presented a 115-page report outlining a shared vision for the region in which Palestinians would take immediate charge of their economy and trade freely with Israel and Jordan, press reports from occupied Jerusalem said Wednesday.

The report is being shown to peace talks, now in their 10th round in Washington, sponsors of talks. the project told the Associated

Sources in Amman confirmed

confederation

Peres urges

tripartite

the participation of Jordanian Hausman, a Harvard University economists in the discussions leading to the final report but said that they were carried "in a third track on the periphery of Middle

East peace negotiations."

The sources, bowever, pointed out that the final ideas were the conclusions reached by Harvard University "and they do not necessarily depict the points of view of individuals who participated in the project."

According to news agencies leaders and could become a refer- the 34 economists did not repreence document for Middle East sent official positions, but several serve as advisers to the peace

> "What we have done is give all three parties a document with which they can work," Leonard

economist, told a news conference in occupied Jerusalem. "They have here the blueprint for a fundamental transformation in economic relations."

shantytown near Rabat. There are only 33 female

candidates in the election (AFP photo)

In the peace talks, Israel and the Palestinians are negotiating an agreement for Palestinian selfrule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Negotiations on the final status of the occupied territories would begin in the third year of autonomy.

The economists said Wednesday that with self-rule, Israel should give the Palestinians immediate and complete control over their economy, including the ability to sign foreign trade agree-

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### Jordan and Israel reach accord on draft agenda

By Nermeen Murad

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — The Jordanian delegation to the peace talks has reached agreement with the Israeli side on the draft agenda for its bilateral negotiations but will hold back on official ratification until progress is registered on its twin Palestinian track, Jorda-

nian sources said Wednesday. The agreement was reached after an amendment to the item on borders was "accepted by both sides," said an official source who requested anonymity.

The source would not reveal

the details of the amendment nnr its final wording, insisting that an official announcement will accompany the official ratification of the agenda "pending progress on the Palestinian track.

The Jordanian side had requested an amendment in the wording of the item on borders 'to guard against creating loopholes that would be used by the Israeli side to set precedents for the Palestinian-Israeli bilater-

His Majesty King Hussein, currently on a state visit to the U.S. capital, was quoted on Tuesday and Wednesday as telling the U.S. Congress and later during a lecture at the Brookings Institute in Washington that the agenda has been completed "to the satisfaction of both parties but official ratification is pending progress on the Palestinian track." (see lead

story).
The Jordanian-Israeli negotiations, however, failed to register any progress on the issues of Palestinian refugees residing in the Kingdom.

during this 10th round is the issue of family reunification and refugees," a well-placed source told the Jordan Times. "But the Israelis do not want to move on this subject," said the source, who also requested anonymity.

### U.N. puts up Aideed 'wanted' posters; warlord thumbs nose

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Foreign MOGADISHU - The United

"I believe it is possible to achieve an agreement with the Palestinian people. I propose an economic Benelux in the Middle East," he said referring to the successful Belgium-Netherlands-Luxembourg axis.

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peace process is based." "Unless Israel changes its positiou and unless the U.S. tries to Minister Shimon Peres called Wednesday for a confederation between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians "I prapose setting up an

Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian confederatrion," Mr. Peres told a World Zionist Organisation meeting at Qiryat Shemona in northern Israel.

Mr. Peres urged the Arab countries to pursue the Middle East peace process, "consistent with the spirit of a new world order," and cited the economic development of the Far East as an example to follow.

The U.N. posters were printed

The poster is to be showered by

Nations printed wild west-styled 'wanted' posters in Somalia on Wednesday offering a reward for the capture of warlord Mobammad Farah Aideed, the U.N.'s public enemy number one. "Wanted" said the poster in

Somali over a passable handdrawn likeness of the 57-year-old man the U.N. holds responsible for the killing of 24 Pakistani U.N. troops on June 5 which plunged the capital back into

the day after General Aideed was interviewed in hiding by two Americau media organisations and proclaimed his determination to defy a six-day-old arrest warrant and bis protested innocence in the killings.

"The reward offer includes you guys," a senior U.N. military official told Reuters wryly, meaning the media. Neither he nor the poster said how much the reward

belicopter over Mogadishu, a city which could be twinned with both Bundestag to decide German role

KARLSRUHE (Agencies) - The supreme court on Wednesday ruled against an attempt to withdraw German troops from Somalia. wbo last month began the first operation by German combat forces outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) theatre since World War II. The court said the troops can stay in Somalia for the time being, but also required the Bundestag (lower house of parliament) to authorise the operation in a vote. "The deplayment may only be maintained and pursued when, and in 50 far as, the Bundestag approves it," the head of the eight-judge panel, Ernst-Gottfried Mahrenholz, said.

In Cairo, African foreign ministers gave full support for the U.N. military deployment in Somalia and efforts to bring peace to the country, Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Secretary General Salem Ahmad Salem said.

Dodge City and Beirut after two years of clan warfare. It stopped short of explicity

offering money for anyone who brought in Gen. Aideed dead or alive, as its American frontier antecedents might have.

But it told recipients "you can bring him in person," a tacit invitation to produce a corpse. Gen. Aideed told NBC television on Tuesday, "for what reason 1

"Wanted. Any citizen who apprehends him will be given a reward," the U.N. poster read Information must be reported to the headquarters of UNOSCM. door number 8."
The U.N. issued an arrest war-

rant for Gen. Aideed last Thursday after bombing his beadquar-

(Continued nu page 5) No court exists to try Aideed, page

### New Bosnia map emerges in Geneva

GENEVA (R) — The shape of a future Bosnia divided between Serbs, Croats and Muslims started to emerge at peace talks in Geneva Wednesday.

Details of the proposals, presented by Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and Croatia's Franjo Tudjman, remained sketchy but they clearly bore little resemblance to the Vance-Owen plan abandoned a week ago. Instead of 10 semi-autonomous

provinces as suggested by mediators Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, Bosnian Serbs and Croats were pushing for three ethnic states scattered over five or six territories.

The Serbs, whose well-armed militias now control 70 per cent of Bosnia, were demanding a single

"Serb republic" stretching from the border with Serbia across to Bosnia's western frontier, diplomats said.

The Bosnian Croats, betterarmed but less numerous than their Muslim former allies, (See page 10) were looking for a Croat republic in southwestern Bosnia-Herzegovina — and possibly a small patch of territory by the border with Croatia in the north.

The Muslims, Bosnia's largest community, would be confined to a "Bosnian republic" stretching north from the capital Sarajevo and including a pocket of land around the northwestern town of

"It's all very rough at the moment. They haven't got round yet to who gets which village," one

diplomat said. Diplomats said Mr. Tudiman and Mr. Milosevic, accompanied

by Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, presented the plan to Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, Mr. Vance's successor, at a private villa outside Geneva. Before the meeting, Lord Owen said he expected to be

given detailed proposals, including maps, by the two presidents and insisted that a straight "parti-tion" of Bosnia effectively freezing out the Muslims would not be acceptable.

Arriving in Geneva, Mr. Karadzic said he and Bosnian Croat leader Mate Boban bad not drawn up a joint map in talks at

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### Sceptics aside, Jordanians see King's visit to U.S. as major boost to country's standing In the absence of first-hand By a Jordan Times meetings that bas been plan-

Staff Reporter

HIS MAJESTY KING Hussein's current visit to Washingion, which has included not only first meetings with U.S. President Bill Clinton and senior administration officials but also crucial encounters with leaders of a hitherto critical American Congress and press, has been viewed bere as a major boost to Jordan's efforts to reassert itself as a key player in Middle East politics. But sceptics maintain that there may be a price to pay, on the internal front at least, for renewed support from Washington, which is being felt by the extended stay of the (11 days) and the wide range of After King Hussein's meet-

ing with President Clinton on June 18, a White House statement said the two leaders discussed Jordan's progress towards democratisation and respect for human rights and the U.S. president expressed support for the King's "courageous" efforts in this regard. The statement quoted Mr. Clinton as saying that "this work will encourage long-term stability and prosperity in Jordan," On the other hand, the two leaders discussed the "imperative nature of continuing to enforce" U.N. sanctions against Iraq, as the U.S. president himself put it, and the two King in the American capital countries will continue to work closely in pursuit of that goal.

information on what actually took place during the two-honr meeting, these two statements were open to various interpretations by Jordanian politicians and analysts.

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While some took the first statement to mean that the Americans bave now fully accepted the King's policy of inclusion at home, basically with the Islamists who strongly oppose Arab-Israeli negotiations, other cast doubt that the administration bas moved from its previous position which indirectly maintained that the Islamists were a threat to

Jordanians are generally agreed, bowever, on the meaning of words concerning Iraq. The indication bere is that the new U.S. administration. under prodding from hardline policy-makers who are obsessed by the forced removal of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power, might pressure Jordan into contributing towards that goal.

In fact, it could be those policy- makers who might have been behind publishing U.S. press reports, earlier on the King's visit, which rited a Congressional report accasing Jon dan of baving supplied Iraq with material information during the Gulf war in 1991.

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### gypt hangs another militant

RO (Agencies) — Egypt on desday hanged an Islamie itant convicted of murdering a teman, in the second such raccution this month, legal . nurces said.

The sources said Hassan Shebeta Badran was hanged in a Cairo prison. He was condemned to death by a military tribunal in northern city of Alexandria Feh. 23 for killing a policeman is ne was being arrested.

Badran, had already been sentreed to 15 years in jail for isionging to a militant group from as the "Returnees from ighanistan," which was accused :. plotting to overthrow the govment.

A source at the military procontor's office said Badran was vinged in the same prison where a man convicted of leading the poup, Sherif Hassan Ahmad, was executed on June 13.

Ahmad was the first person to be executed in Egypt for a politially motivated crime since five sassins of President Anwar that were put to death in 1982. President Hosni Muharak. to suppress a 14-months has referenced on switt-acting military corts, which have issued 22 eath sentences in six months. But neither the military courts :Or bloody police raids on miliand hideouts in March have stop-

the violence. Attacks by a known militant government Islamic groups in

group on police, Christians and tourists have been replaced by a series of nail-bomb attacks primarily targeted at ordinary Egyp-

One bomb in February, two in May and two in June have killed 17 Egyptians and injured more than 60.

The attacks have stirred fear and anger at the militants and frustration with the government's inability to catch those responsi-

Officials have hlamed bombs on "terrorists hiding behind religion." Diplomats largely accept the government's assertion that the bombs were all planted by the same group but believe no one

knows exactly who they are.

Ahmad and Badran were the first to be sentenced to death and were first in line to be executed.

There is no appeal from the military courts and defence lawyers have little doubt that 12 other men condemned to death and already in custody will also be hanged.

The remaining seven men condemned to death — one has been - are on the run. Sympathisers say most of them are in Afghanis-

Hundreds of Arabs fought alongside Afghan guerrillas against the Soviet-backed government in Kabul during the 1980s,: learning skills which have since been put to violent use in antiEgypt and Algeria.
The guerrillas took power in Kabul in April 1992 but have since fought among themselves and there are many parts of the country where Arab radicals can base themselves beyond the reach

of any government. Badran was still on the run when the "Returnees from Afghanistan" case began last November

Police tracked him down during the trial but during the opera-tion to arrest him, he shot dead police officer Mohammad Ali Khater and wounded Colonel Mohmoud Al Makhzanji.

A leader of the outlawed Al Gamaa Al Islamiyeh, Safwat Abdul Ghani, has warned that executions would escalate the violence and charged it was part of a drive of wipe out the group's leadership.

Newspapers reported Wednesday that police defused a bomh on a highway near Cairo airport, in the fourth such incident in the Egyptian capital this week.

Disposal experts defused the bomh on Tuesday, the reports said. It was made up of three plastie bottles containing TNT, powder and more than 500 hullets for automatic weapons.

A bomh was found Monday near the semi-official Al Gomhuriva newspaper in central Cairo, and two more were defused Sunday in the northern slum district of Shubra.

### Blast mars prelates' meeting

night apparently occurred as the three men, all of them Lebanese Mnslims, were trying to link an explosive charge to a land mine at a road junction five kilometres from the monastery,

day of the conclave Wednesday would have had to drive through that intersection to reach the

have been the target

The wounded were taken to a hospital in Tripoli, provincial capital of North Lebanon. The police spokesman said one of the other would be once he regains consciousness. He gave no details on their condition, and would not speculate on their mo-

hlast. They searched all cars heading for the monastery.

men in their trademark red berets

during Lebanon's 15-year civil war, but have become rare since the strife ended in 1990.

leader of the Catholic negotiating team, and his Orthodox counterpart, Archbishop Stylianos of Australia, appeared unperturbed when asked about the blast.

prised." Archbishop Stylianos told reporters.



### No court exists to try Aideed

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — As mendations on how Gen. Aideed U.N. peacekeepers in Somalia try to track down and arrest fugitive warlord Mohammad Farrah Aideed, legal experts are puzzling over what law he broke in a lawless land, and how be can be

The dilemma facing the lawyers is one of jurisdiction. There is no international criminal court to try Gen. Aideed, and Somalia bas no functioning

indiciary or legal system,
On Thursday, the chief U.N.
envoy in Somalia, retired U.S.
Admiral Jonathan Howe, gave U.N. peacekeepers orders to detain Gen. Aideed for allegedly organising ambushes that killed 24 Pakistani U.N. peacekeepers on June 5.

He said Gen. Aideed was under investigation on charges of conspiracy to conduct premeditated attacks against U.N. forces, crimes against humanity and en-dangering civilians and U.N. personnel through organised incite-ment of violence.

"The (detention) order bas been given, and it will be im-plemented," Chief U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said Monday. But he declined comment on how, or where Gen. Aideed could be tried.

New York is sending two advisors to Somalia to develop recom- undersecretary-general in charge sans.

could be tried if apprehended. But even the question of where Gen. Aideed would be detained is wide open.

Pakistani Amhassador Jamsheed Marker proposes holding him on a ship. Russian Ambassador Ynli Vorontsov suggests sending bim to the British South Atlantic island of St. Helena, where Napoleon Bonaparte died in exile in 1821.

The International Court of Justice at the Hague, Netherlands known as the World Court handles cases filed by nations against other nations. It is not a criminal court and does not bear cases involving individuals.

Proposals to set up an international criminal court have been debated for years in General Assembly subcommittees, but the talks bave been slowed by worries of infringing on the rights of countries to try a suspect. Mr. Vorontsov is pushing to

have the General Assembly adopt an international treaty making it a war crime to attack a If that idea is accepted, suspects could be tried on that

charge in their homeland or extradited for trial elsewhere. But it would have no effect on Gen. Aideed's actions taken before the Kofi Annan,

of U.N. peacekeeping, has men-tioned an ad hoc tribunal or a Somali tribunal.

In the case of suspected war criminals in former Yugoslavia, the Security Council has set up an ad boc tribunal, with headquarters in the Hague, to indict suspects and try them if they can be apprehended.

The council may try to set up another ad hoc international trihunal for Gen. Aideed's case, though it has not taken any steps in that direction yet. That would have the advantage

of bringing Gen. Aideed before a tribunal representing a broad spectrum of nations rather than just the major powers.

But that introduces other prob-

lems. Some states permit the death penalty, others do not. Some judicial systems permit the use of deadly force to protect property, others forbid it. A trial in Somalia presents

other problems. The country has not had a functioning judicial or legal system for years, so it is unclear what laws Gen. Aideed could be accused of violating.

Finding a Somali judge willing to try bim could be difficult. The country is still torn between competing clans, and any judge willing to sentence Gen. Aideed ald expect to be marked for the death by Gen. Aideed's parti-

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Rabin approves new carpets for Al Aqsa

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - While Middle East peace talks dragged on in Washington and a corruption scandal raged in his cabinet, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had time on Tuesday for more down-to-earth concerns — carpets. Mr. Rabin's office announced he had approved a request from the Egyptian government to import new carpets for Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. The carpets were a gift from Moroccan King Hassan.

### Plnochet to sign Israel arms deal

TEL AVIV (AP) - Former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, now Chile's chief-of-staff, is planning to visit Israel to sign an arms deal, a left-wing parliament member said. Petitioning Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to bar such a visit, lawmaker Benny Temkin of the Meretz party told Israel Radio that it would be a nightmare for Israel's image. If the Chileans need the weapons, they'll huy them, Mr. Temkin told Israel Radio, but Mr. Pinochet should not be allowed into the country. Selling weapons to such people could have far-reaching consequences for Israel. According to Mr. Temkin, sources close to Chile's democratically elected government have warned Israel that Mr. Pinochet is still seen as a threat to Chilean democracy.

### Ciller, inonu agree on coalition basics

1STANBUL (R) — Turkish Prime Minister-designate Tansu Ciller and acting Premier Erdal Inonu agreed Tuesday the essentials of the new coalition between their centre-right and social democratic parties, the Anatolia news agency said. "We agreed on the essentials of the coalition protocol," the agency quoted Mr. Inonu as saying. There were no other details. Mr. Inonu, who heads the Social Democrat Populist Party (SUP) Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP), partner of the 19-month coalition, said they would sign the new protocol on Thursday. He did not comment on a caninet lineup.

### Israel to test U.S. nuclear-powered ships

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The environment ministry is to conduct radioactivity tests on ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the northern Israeli port of Haifa, a ministry spokeswoman said Wednesday. Sari Zimmerman said air and water samples would be taken. "We will check the level of radioactivity around these nuclear-powered ships," she explained. The operation is part of a programme to detect emissions in several regions of the country, including around the Dimona atomie plant in southern Israel, Ms. Zimmerman told

### Aleymda gets first big passenger plane

TOULOUSE, France (AFP) - Aleymda Yemen Airlines took delivery here Wednesday of its first big passenger aircraft, an Airbus A310-300, to be used on routes to Europe and Asia, Airbus Industrie announced. It said the airplane could carry 196 passengers in a three-class configuration, and is equipped with General Electric CF6-80C2 jet engines. Airbus Industrie said it has now delivered a total of 629 A300s and A310s, and 75 airlines are now

#### Vickers secures tank order from Oman

LONDON (R) — British defence contractor Vickers Plc said on Tuesday it has signed a multi-million pound deal with Oman for 18 of its new Challenger-2 battle tanks and other military vehicles. The company did not put a value on the deal but chief executive Sir colin Chandler said: "This important order... confirms the competitive qualities of Challenger 2 and our belief that it is the best and most advanced main battle tank in the world." Industry sources said the contract was worth about £140 million (\$208 million) and included 18 Challenger tanks with first delivery due in 1995. A further order from Oman was expected, they added.

### Too few Israelis speak Arabic, army moans

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Far too Israelis are fluent in Arabie for the country's military needs, a high-ranking intelligence officer has complained. "Today hardly and young people come into the army the bave learnt Arabic at home," Colonel Doron Tamir told this week's edition of the army magazine Bamakhane. "The immigrants who came to Israel from Arab countries have grown old and their children speak very little Arabie or not at all. I think the state of Israel is wrong not to make children learn Arabic. Whether there is peace or not, you have to know Arabic in this region because it is the only means of communication between different

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### Israells caught in S. African currency scam

TEL AVIV (AFP) - South Africa has protested to the Israeli embassy in Pretoria after catching two diplomats trying to transfer \$500,000 out of the country illegally, a newspaper reported Wednesday. Reserve General Hagai Reguev, who heads the emhassy's military delegation, and Aharon Dagan, a member of the delegation, had both been forced to leave South Africa, the Yediot Aharonot said. The two men intended to transfer the money, belonging to South African Jews and Israelis living in the country, through their private accounts in a Johannesburg bank.

### Ukraine deputies angry over Israell's comments

KIEV (R) - Ukrainian lawmakers Tuesday hitterly accused the head of Israel's parliament of portraying all Ukrainians as Nazi collaborators during a speech in Kiev last week and demanded be issue an apology. Shevaeh Weiss, in a letter to Ukrainian authorities, said the row over comments in the speech was due to a translation error. Ukraine's foreign minister, Anatoly Zlenko, said he accepted the explanation and considered the incident elosed. The row opened generations-old wounds between the Ukrainians and Jews dating from well before the Soviet era. Mr. Weiss's speech said his attitude to Ukrainians was "ambivalent... as it is with other nations who worked with the Nazis, serving the machine of destruction and hurling Enropean civilisation on the path of unprecedented crimes." Mr. Weiss explained in his letter that words had been dropped from the translation of his Hebrew text elarifying that he was referring only to part of Ukrainian society.

### **Meged** chemical arms hipment for Libya Dy William C. Mann The Associated Press MIRO — A U.N. weapons

**U.N.** embargo stops

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as United Nations banned by of weapons to Libya n 15, 1992, to force it to ender for trial two men acterd of blowing up Pan Am S: 103 over Lockerbie, Scoti, in December 1988, which 270 people dead. Libya still

ti a this case, Singapore confisthe questionable shipment, : steel chemical reactor vesn. .. in March just before it was si : shipped to a Libyan factory in Benghazi that manufactures ids for oil exploration. They're very proud in London

copping this shipment," said ... Perry-Robinson, a British reter on chemical weapons. wish diplomat Ian Cliff said briefing paper recently made ....ble to the Associated Press ::: the equipment, in Libya's da como of hundreds of tonnes of ustard gas and deadlier, more tisticated nerve gases.

he seizure was mentioned in viay edition of the London-:... d business and current affairs minly "the Middle East," but : rentiv hadn't been reported ine U.S. media.

Tite U.N. Security Council exinded the embargo after the

vessels were intercepted. The sanctions, honoured so far almost universally, come up again for renewal on July 15. Other arms embargo cases

have been more mundane than the suspected attempt in Singapore to circumvent the chemical weapons ban. They involved mainly explosives for oil exploration and airport equipment, which came under suspicion because Libya's uses military personnel as airport staff.

Libya has long coveted massdestruction weapons on the grounds that it must defend itself against the chemical and nuclear arms of the United States and

U.S. experts say Libya began making poison gas in 1990, refining dual-purpose chemicals, bought earlier from abroad, at Rabta southwest of Tripob in a plant Libya says makes medicine.

Like that plant, the reactor vessels Singapore intercepted also were said to be something else. They were ordered from a plant in Malaysia for the Benghazi factory to produce "drilling mud" to help lubricate drill bits. Mr. Cliff, the British diplomat,

told the U.N. Security Council's sanctionse committee last March that the vessels were too highly engineered for that. They were better suited t omake chemicals used in poison gas, be said in the briefing paper.

A Security Council source, speaking on condition be not be named, said the United States and Britain tried to persuade Malaysia's government not to allow the vessels to leave the factory at Port Klang where they were manufactured.

The Malaysians were not convinced that the shipment would have a military use, the source said from New York. He said Singapore, the transshipment point; suggested a signal from the sanctions committee would be honoured. The committee comprises the 15 countries of the Security Council.

The sanctions committee agreed and told Singapore, which then seized the shipment.

wounded in a bomb explosion near a monastery hosting a Catholic-Orthodox conclave to resolve Christianity's earliest schism, police said Wednesday.

where 37 senior cardinals and

region Wednesday.

Lebanese Squad 16 riot police-

BALAMAND (AP) — A Mus-lim man was killed and two were

They said the blast Tuesday

1,000-year-old hilltop monastery,

on speculation the convoys could them was being interrogated and

Soldiers toting M-16 assault rifles and shoulder-fired armourpiercing rockets set up separate checkpoints at the scene of the

Cardinal Edward Cassidy

Churchmen attending the last

bishops from around the world "This is so far a theory with no corroborative evidence," said a police spokesman, commenting

Lehanese and Syrian army troops stepped up security in the

took up guard positions in the pine woods around the monastery, overlooking the Mediterra-Bomb attacks were frequent

"We have beard the noise of the explosion and we were sur-

### Fighting postpones Kabul cabinet meeting

KABUL (AFP) — A meeting of enabled the formation of Mr. Afghan Prime Minister Gulbud-Hekmatyar's contested cahinet to din Hekmatyar's cabinet scheduled for early Wednesday morning was postponed due to factional fighting that blocked the route to be travelled by the cahinet ministers, officials said.

"There was a meeting planned for 9:30 this morning but it was prevented due to clashes at Dehmazang Square." said Engineer Sabawoon, the security chief for Mr. Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami faction.

The meeting of 12 ministers was to be held at Darulaman Palace, about seven kilometres south of Dehmazang Square, which is the frontline between forces loval to the Defence Ministry and those of Mr. Hekmatyar's Shi'ite Muslim allies. For approximately 90 minutes

there was an exchange of light weapons fire and heavy artillery between the Shi'ite Hezh-e-Wahdat, and Defence Ministry troops loyal to Ahmed Shah

Mr. Masoud stepped down as

defence minister five weeks ago

take place.

Mr. Sahawoon said the prime minister prrived on time at Darulaman for the cabinet meeting, which has now been postponed indefinitely.

### WHO warning

The World Health Organisation warned Tuesday that Afghanistan was on the brink of a bealth catastrophe and urged donor countries to dig into their pockets before it was too late. If donors do not help now, "we will all hold the hurden of this shame on our shoulders one day," visiting WHO representa-tive Ashor Umer Gerbreel said.

Mr. Gerbreel told AFP during a nne-day tour of hospitals in this war-battered capital that the WHO had asked the world community for \$8 million to cover minimum needs for 1993, but the response had been miserable.

Afghanistan is on the brink of health catastrophe, the situation is getting worse and worse," in a political, compromise that he said, asking how the organisa-

tion could hattle on with only \$5 million pledged over the next two years for even the most basic health needs.

He listed the basics as treating the country's thousands of mine victims, comhating the spread of malaria, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases, and maintaining a flow of basic medicines and surgical equipment to the country's overworked and understaffed hospitals.

Mr. Gerbreel, who accompanied United Nations representative on Afghanistan. Sotirios Mousouris to Kahul Tuesday for a one day visit, said a sorelsy needed training programme for clinic and hospital staff would cost \$62 million.

Without donor help, this programme would die, he said. He said most WHO expatriates, driven from Afghanistan by the intensity of factional fighting since the downfall of the communist regime in April of 1992, wanted to return, but that the decision was up to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Gha-

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### Queen addresses media foundation, Yarmouk, Jordan U. Princeton Club in Washington

AMMAN (I.T.) — Her Majes-ty Queen Noor was invited to lunch at the White House by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton Tuesday. During the luncheon, the two first ladies discussed issues of mutual concern including Jordanian-U.S. relations, development matters, women and children, health care, democracy and buman rights. Among the other guests at the luncheon were Her Royal Highness Prin-cess Ghida Talal and Tipper Gore, wife of Vice-President Al Gore.

Queen Noor, who is accompanying His Majesty King Hussein on a several day visit to the United States, was the guest of honour at two separate functions Monday.
First she attended a lunch

meeting hosted by the Women's International Media Foundation. Founded in Washington 1990, the foundation's aim is to establish a network of journalists to help advance freedom of the press and women's role in the journalism profession.

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During the lunch, at which 13 members were present, ineluding the two co-chairwomen of the foundation, the Queen answered various questions about Jordan. She spoke about her role in promoting arts and

who arrived in Jordan last week (Petra photo)

hosted in Jordan will be receiving

school education following the

Bosnian system, in a programme prepared by the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organisation

(JHCO).

JHCO Secretary General
Abdul Salam Al Abbadi told the

Jordan Times that these children,

all in the primary level, will

attend classes adjacent to the

building where they are now staying on Jabal Jofa and will be

taught in their own language by

Bosnian students at Jordanian

universities or Jordanian gradu-

and secondary levels can, if they

wish, join government schools

nearby, said Dr. Abbadi, who is

also minister of Awqaf and Isla-

In addition, he said, the stu-dents will be offered lessons in

Her Royal Highness Princess

Alia Biut Al Hussein Wednesday

Arabie and Islamic culture.

mic Affairs.

ates of Bosnian universities. Students at the preparatory



culture in Jordan through such fora as the Jerasb festival, and about her work on developm-

Later Queen Noor attended a reception held by the Princeton Club on Capitol Hill.

The Queen, a Princeton University graduate in architecture and urban planning, addressed 150 guests, among whom were Princeton alumni and studeuts, members of Congress, congressional alumni staff and members of the Princeton Club.

In ber address, Queen Noor focused on the interdepend-

Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein Wednesday visits the Bosnian families

The Princess was briefed by

Dr. Abbadi on the JHCO prog-

rammes to help these families

throgh various charitable and

voluntary organisations in the

The Princess toured the pre-

mises and inspected the various

services offered to the families, who voiced their deep apprecia-tion to His Majesty King Hus-sein, His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan, the Regent, and

the Jordanian people and govern-ment for the hospitality accorded

The Jordanian people sym-

pathise with and are willing to

offer assistance to the Muslim

people of Bosnia who have been

facing tragedies, said the Princess

in addressing the families.

She said "the continued war

made us feel that the buman

rights of the Bosnian people are

being violated and lost."

Guest Bosnian children to receive

education in their own language

AMMAN (J.T.) — Soon nearly visited the 420 Bosnian families who arrived in Jordan last week.



Hillary Rodham Clinton

ence of nations and the necessity for all people to work in unison to achieve common goals and to meet their "global responsibilities."

She encouraged the andi-ence, especially the Princeton graduates, to remember "how important it is to constantly rekindle our commitment to engaging with those in our larger family, to work together to solve problems, to never cease to try to understand one another better, and to understand that by helping one another we can achieve all the dreams that we bave."

Bosnian guests in Jordan.

vices offered to them.

Asked whether the JHCO was

planning another airlift of Bos-

nians to Jordan, Dr. Abbadi said

there were no plans for further air

Croatia and Bosnia and were

dan to act quickly to save their

try officials.

# JPA to raise funds for new head offices

conduct graduations

IRBID (Petra) — His Royal In Amman, the University of Highness Prince Faisal Ben Al Jordan Wednesday concluded its Hussein Wednesday attended a graduation celebrations of the graduation ceremony at Yar- 28th class of students, with Uni-

versity President Fawzi Ghar-aibeh distributing certificates and

diplomas to graduates from the faculties of Nursing. Pharmacy,

Dentistry and Higher Education.

graduates to rise to the level of

national responsibility and to

persevere in serving their home-

ways sought to review its fields of

study and update them based on the belief that it is an inseparable

Of the graduating students, 175 are from the Faculty of Nursing.

80 from the Faculty of Pharmary.

and 754 from the Faculty of High-

53 from the Faculty of Dentistry.

part of the society.

er Education.

He said the university has 2i-

Dr. Gharaibeh called on the

Press Association (JPA) plans a fund-raising campaign to support the construction of a press club and permanent headquarters. according to JPA President Suleiman Al Qudah.

mouk University to honour students excelling in academic,

cultural, social, artistic and sports

Mahafza delivered an address in

which be welcomed Prince Faisal

and congratulated the students on

their achievements, wishing them

further success in their future

At the end of the ceremony,

The ceremony was attended by

the governor and the mayor of Irbid, the director of the Irbid

Police Department, the president

of the Irbid Chamber of Com-

merce, senior university officials

Prince Faisal distributed awards

to the new graduates.

and students' relatives.

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University President Ali

In a statement to the Jordan Times, Mr. Qudah said the JPA also plans to sell a piece of land owned by the association in order to raise more funds needed for the projects.

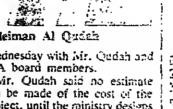
The Ministry of Public Works and Housing pledged to draw up designs and supervise the work on the construction of the complex on a two-dunum plot in Al Hussein Youth City, which was provided to the IPA by His Majesty King Hussein.

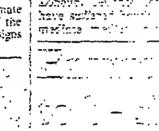
The pledge was made by Minister of Public Works and Housing Khalaf Al Hawari at a meeting

Suleiman Al Quich

JPA board members.

Mr. Qudah said no estimate can be made of the cost of the project, until the ministry designs have been completed.







The famous treasury of Petra (file photo)

### French book on Petra translated into Arabic

lifts for the time being, noting AMMAN — A translation of a cooperation between France and that the 420 families were stranded in an area between threatened with expulsion from either side, thus promoting Jor-

> Ministry of Tourism and Anti-tion in tourism, it added. quities over the last three years. French embassy here said the was designed to help strengthen

Five famous photographers A press release from the where retained for the project: they visited Petra in the past few publication of the book in Arabic months and their work is now being displayed at the Institute of bridges of friendship and cultural the Arab World in Paris.

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deal with the in massing amount AMMAN — A translation of a French book depicting the ancient Nabatean city of Petra, entitled: "Petra, The Meaning of the Stone," was published here Wednesday in Arabic.

The book, which will be officially released Thursday, was the fruit of cooperation between the cultural section of the French embassy in Amman and the Mainter of Tourism and Antiduring the translation in the survival in the Stratung and the stratung an

Discussion of the may be needed to remove the first region.

### WHAT'S **GOING ON**

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

\* Exhibition of watercolours, entitled "Landscapes of Jordan," by Prof. Elmar Dittmann at the Phoenix Art Gallery, Gardens Street.

☆ Exhibition of paintings by artists Nawal Abdullah Kattan and Dodi Tabbaa at the French Cultural Centre.

☆ Paintings by Salem Al Dab-bagh, Himat Ali and Karim Rassan at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery (10 a.m.-8 p.m.)

\* Art exhibition by 26 Jordanian artists at Eshbeelia Art Gallery, 6th Circle, Amra

Shopping Centre. \* Photo exhibition entitled "Chikhhoed" at the Royal Cultural Centre.

### FILM

☆ 1990 feature film entitled "Memphis Belle" at 6 p.m. at the American Centre (106

### Public and private organisa- lives. Burns unit opens at Al Bashir

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Health Abdul Rahim Malhas Wednesday opened at Al Bashir Hospital an intensive care unit for burns. Head of the Hospital's Plastie Surgery and Burns Section Majed Jarrar said the unit includes nine bedrooms specially equipped for patients suffering from burns. With the new unit, be said, the number of beds at the Plastie Surgery and Burns Department increased to 25, costing about JD 3 million.

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### CANADA DAY

In celebration of Canada Day, all Canadian citizens in Jordan are invited to attend a picnic which will be held on Thursday, July 1st, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Yajuz area. Activities will include tree planting ceremony, barbecue, iive music and door prizes.

Canadians interested in attending should bring proof of citizenship to the embassy to obtain free entrance ticket, map and information sheet. The embassy will not provide transportation.

### Fåte da Dane

En l'honneur de la Féla du Canada, les canadiennes et les cenecliens résidant en Jordania son, possiarement invité(e)s à un pique-vicus qui aura lieu jeudi se premier parie la Yajuz. Nous organicardes cour paute occasion, una parámenta de plantation d'arbres in convenue. des musicians et des 11...1 s - 4s. Les canadiennes et canadiens désirant venir sont prises de se : présenter a l'ambassade avec preuve de allovenneus de la black fin un canon d'entrée, un plan en la feuillet de renseignements. La trensport lusqu'eu 198 et la 200 10000

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### Clarity, all the way

ONCE MORE, His Majesty King Hussein has made clear Jordan's position on the Gulf crisis and the situation in Iraq. Jordan had never had any deal or understanding with the Iraqi leadership concerning Kuwait or any other intentions in the Gulf. Jordan, like everybody else, was taken by surprise when Iraq invesed and occupied its Arab neighbour. Jordan mever condensed, nor will it ever, the acquisition of 'land by force or the meddling in other countries' affairs, if only because Jordan has always been under threat itself. The Jordanian leadership has always copposed foreign intervention in Arab affairs and would have instead liked to see an Arab solution to the conflict. The major consequences of the Gulf conflict and war are the isolation of the Iraqi people and their country and the schism that plagues the Arabs, which so far has defied solution. If any blunders were made, they were committed by the Iraqi leadership itself, the Kuwaitis and other Arabs who are now facing different threats from within and without.

Furthermore, Jordan was worried Iraq, a pow. "-! Arab country, would be reduced, as it is now, to a starving people and under the threat of being partitioned. The Iraqi leadership, the sought-after perpetrator of the conflict, continues to rule - albeit on only third of the country. That is why Jordan is worried that if the situation continues for much longer the Iraqi people will suffer further and Iraq might disintegrate. Both prospects are not due only to the failure of the Iraqi regime itself, but also to the Arab order as a whole. In this vein, we see the only possible salvation for Iragis through the adoption of democracy and political and ethnic pluralism and through the strict observance of human rights, now non-existent in that country.

What the Jordanian leadership and people as a whole would like to see is the emergence of a strong, united and peaceful Iraq, where people enjoy prosperity, personal safety and dignity. How the Iraqis would accomplish this is not for Jordan to decide. Meanwhile, the fraqi people's suffering must not continue. There is no justification for collective punishment.

What probably is needed is an Arab consensus on the situation in Iraq. The Arab leaderships, or at least those among them most closely concerned with the situation in the Gulf, should meet and devise a strategy that would ensure the gradual lifting of sanctions and the gradual introduction of political reform that would guarantee the emergence of a democratic Iraq and soon afterwards, if not simultaneously, a democratic Areb Werld.

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AL RA'l daily discussed a recent attack on an Israeli administrative office in the Gaza Strip creating new fears that the attack could be followed by others on a wider scale. The attack has prompted observers to believe that the Palestinians were now developing means of resistance and pursuing new methods to end the occupation of Palestinian lands, said the daily. The observers warned against belittling this incident, urging the fsraelis to speed up the peace efforts towards a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, added the paper. It said that the Israeli measures and inhuman practices against the Palestinians do not conform to the spirit of the prace process and the aspired peace that should be based on U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and the principle of exchanging land for peace. There is no doubt that stimulating the peace process through direct and acting participa-tion and involvement of the United States can give momentum to the negetiations and help the two sides arrive at a peace formula. added the daily. Israel ought to take into consideratison the fact that many of its soldiers refuse to serve in the occupied Palestinian lands and prefer imprisonment to fighting the Palestinian resistonce, said the daily. This fact cannot be overlooked by any Israeli government and therefore, said the paper, the present government should speed up the peace process.

COLUMNIST in Al Dustour daily urged the government to dlow a number of measures which, in his belief, would help ease ne unemployment problem among the thousands of college graduates in Jordan. He suggested that the government offer these graduates fixed plots of land owned by the state to be with the process prove successful, these plots, leased to the

duates, can be granted to them as their own, serving as a aree of income for them and for their needy families, said Saleh i Qallab. The writer said that if the graduates fail in their efforts. ne lands should be taken away from them. He suggested that the housing proble m in Jordan could be solved by offering limitedincome groups plots of land around the main cities on which they can build their own homes with government interest-free loans payable over long periods of time. The writer said only the needy families and the new graduates should be made to benefit from such projects if the government is to help deal with the unemployment issue that has been plaguing the country. Indeed, this is a revolutionary idea, requiring a revolutionary decision to deal with the ehronic issue of unemployment and poverty, added the writer. He said so many social problems can be avoided and many His removed from the Jordanian society with the elimination of these chronic issues in Jordan.

# Palestine's potential for development under occupation

By Aisling Byrne

THAT THERE has been no development in the economy of the occupied territories is not unintentional or surprising; economic and political development are inseparable and part of the same process (economics, it is sometimes said, is "condensed polities"). On the effects of foreign development aid to the territories, U.S. academic Sara Roy found "the absence of any development criteria against which to assess arrainment of programme goals and evaluate their outcomes" was a major problem. Development is a political issue; as an official from the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv replied, "if we define |development), we'd have to commit ourselves to a political solution".

#### Captive economy

In reality there is no Palestinian economy. What exists is an economy of the occupied lands, a captive economy entirely dependent on and structurally integrated into Israel's. In addition to restrictions on production for the local market, the captive Palestinian market has no protection against subsidised Israeli goods. Even exporting abroad. Palestinian goods face impossible constraints: a shoe manufacturer from Hebron recently tried to export products directly to a British firm which, however, was able to import the same shoes through an Israeli middleman. Due to government subsidies not available to Palestinian producers, he was able to sell them below cost

Suppressing Palestinian initiatives while at the same time exploiting the captive territory to its own benefit has been the policy of successive Israeli governments. According to Palestinian economist Samir Abdallah, the Palestinian industrial sector, for example, continues to suffer from the stagnation of the past 26 years. Industry's contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has remained at about 8 per cent and only 400 jobs have been created on average each year. Initiatives such as the recent Trade Fair of Palestinian Pro-

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more than a token attempt. With profit margins removed by export taxes. VAT and other payments to the military authorities, the production and marketing process, through Israel, prohibits most Palestinian producers from even contemplating marketing abroad. Trade benefits awarded to Israel, including access to the U.S. Free Trade Zone, further exacerbate this discrimination. Whereas Israeli producers export to the U.S. duty free, Palestinians are taxed between six and 18 per cent which effectively removes any profit margin.

Undeniably, other external factors have contributed to the economic stagnation and underdevelopment of the occupied territories, most notably the political effects of the Gulf crisis. But repressive measures adopted by Israel are the main obstacle to significant development. According to the World Bank, the prolonged closure of the occupied territories is forcing factories and businessesso lay off workers, and farmers, cut off from their markets, to leave crops rotting in the fields; those who previously worked in Israel are struggling to survive. The result, says the World Bank, is the virtual collapse of what was an already weak economy.

So, is there potential for de-

velopment under occupation? And given parallel political developments, will there be scope for improvement under the limited autonomy plan on offer? The current relationship is uneven, Compared to Israel's GNP of \$60bn, Palestinian Gross National Product (GNP) is \$3bn of which \$1bn results from labour and other services and goods exported to Israel. According to Israeli economist Ezra Sadan, this dependency is even more extreme in the Gaza Strip: economic contacts with Israel account for 65 per cent of economic activity, 50 per cent direct and 15 per cent indirect. This structural integration has left an economy regulated by approximately 1,500 military orders, issued arbitrarily to govern everything from a prohibition on picking wild thyme to ducts in London can be little the requirement of a permit for

each fruit tree planted in the cess of "de-development" has Gaza Stnp. Attempts at resistance to such rigorous control are targeted lest any form of selfsufficiency take hold. Israeli journalist Michal Sela explained in Davar: "As soon as any Israeli producer succeeds in persuading the government ...a military order is issued prohibiting the export of a given produce to Israel. If this does not suffice. a Palestinian factory may be denied a license to operate or bureaucratic obstacles may paralyse its pro-

means of production, their land and its resources, and with no local alternative, forced to work as migrant labourers. Prior to the closure unemployment was running at approximately 40 per cent. Investment has been minimal as Palestinians with funds prefer to invest in housing and land. "dead" investment in economic terms. And even if investment had occurred in productive enterprises, the effective lack of a

been occurring. Palestinians are

increasingly dispossessed of their

"So-called realists among all parties have assumed that flaws in U.S. foreign policy on the Arab-Israeli conflict are built in and that by accepting U.S. sponsorship the Arab parties acquiesced to this constraint: The agenda and terms of reference often are set by U.S. administrations; the policy that ensues must be tailored to suit pro-Israel congressional biases; and although minor fluctuations in the degree of bias are at times discernable, any tilt towards evenhandedness is ultimately followed by apology or retraction."

The labour market perhaps best illustrates this dependence. Until recently tens of thousands of Palestinian workers were forced to seek uncertain cheap daily employment in Israel. At least 30 per cent of Palestinian families came to rely on this as their main source of income. The Palestinian labour force now finds itself cut off overnight for "security" reasons, as the rallying call of the early Zionist movement, the call for "Hebrew labour", is heard. The Israeli construction sector, previously one of the main employers of Palestinian workers, has now absorbed approximately 16 per cent of new immigrants as the move away from "Arab" labour is encouraged. The agricultural sector looks to be next; according to the Jerusalem Post there are already 300 Thai workers employed in settlements in the Jor-

Instead of development, a pro-

banking system and the necessary infrastructure, as well as the political uncertainty, meant that anyway returns would be minimal.

#### Subsidising the occupation

Foreign aid, which can openly supplement government or national investment initiatives. has had minimal effects, because, explains Sara Roy, the Israeli authorities bave shown a clear preference for projects that maintain the status quo and are oriented towards consumption rather than production. Foreign donors, most notably the U.S. have acquiesced to this requirement, in effect "subsidising the occupation". The recent announcement by Japan, for example, that it would assist with the development of tourism in the occupied territories was welcomed, until it was announced that it intended to begin its assist-

ance before a peace settlement. The existing situation, the occupation, was taken as a given within which "development" could be initiated.

While the standard of living for Palestinians has improved during the occupation, this is not the result of economic development. This has been horizontal rather than vertical; an expansion of small subcontracted businesses with little potential for growth. Very little money is generated within the Palestinian economy. some of which makes its way back to Israel through consumption of Israeli goods. In addition, exorbitant taxes, currency import restrictions and the bias in foreign aid have meant that little has gone into capital investment.

The improvement has been the result of policies of successive Israeli governments to make Palestinians tolerant of, and not independent of, the occupation: what ex-U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz described as "improving the standard of living. According to Israeli analyst Meron Benvenisti. "there is no promotion of investment aimed at encouraging growth. This is only one example of the deliberate freeze characterising government policy as regards the Arab productive sector. Money from abroad, amounting to some 40 per cent of Palestinian GNP, in the form of remittances (especially before the Gulf crisis) and aid from foreign governments and international organisations have added to this improvement.

#### Development to what end?

If intended to be in the interests of Palestinians, a development approach suitable and applicable to the local economy is needed. This will be impossible, however, without an acknowledgement by Israel of Palestinian sovereignty over land and resources, and respect for powers of legislation and selfdetermination. Israel has never had a development plan for the occupied territories and, on the basis that the final status has yet to be determined, has suppressed Palestinian efforts. At the same

time Israel has continued with its policies of land confiscation, settlement and economic exploitation. These policies will only make a final sertlement that much

Money, it seems, will not be a problem. This month both the World Bank and the U.S. and Europe have announced possible aid packages amounting to \$1bn and nearly \$20m respectively to help develop the infrastructure during interim selfgovernment". But money is not everything. Experience has shown that money and motions are not enough. Both have to be accompanied by the political will to reach a comprehensive settlement. Within a political sertle-ment there will be scope for economic circumstances and prospects to improve: without one and with acquiescence to limited autonomy, it is difficult to see how development for the benefit of Palestine can occur.

Danny Gillerman, president of the Israeli Chambers of Commerce, explained this year that Palestinian and Israeli businessmen "should not wait for the politicians to conclude any sort of agreement". Rather. businessmen should try to create facts and make things happen, if possible even before a real or official agreement is signed". Not surprisingly, he believes that "the desirable model as far as autonomy in the territories is concerned is one entity: the territories and Israel". Mr. Gillerman "see no possibility or sense in creating any borders or customs posts. We should like to have a level playing field."

Little thereby would change. Israel's economic and commercial interests will continue to be paramount and Palestinians will once again be expected to comply, in the name of autonomous selfgovernment. The difference will be that the occupation will be perceived as over.

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Major's government

# terminal decline?

By David Storey

LONDON - Each time he seems to recover his balance, he trips over another obstacle -John Major is one of most accident-prone prime ministers Britain has known.

The heart attack which this week sidelined Trade Secretary Michael Heseltine, robbing Mr. Major of his most potent parliamentary performer at a crucial time, was only the latest untimely twist of fate to befall the Conservative premier.

Many commentators say the crises which have dogged Mr. Major in the 14 months since the April 1992 election have much to do with the political sclerosis and complacency that is predictable after a party has held unbroken office for 14 years.

Several of the damaging issues

now surfacing are legacies of the 1980s, when his predecessor Margaret Thatcher ruled with an iron will, restricting cabinet debate and centralising control.

These include the row over secret donations to Conservative funds in the 1980s from supporters such as fugitive businessman Asil Nadir, who skipped bail last month facing theft charges.

Mr. Major has also been dragged into an inquiry over whether the government flouted its own rules and allowed sales of arms to Iraq in the 1980s, which were used by Iraq in the Gulf war.

The 50-year-old bankerturned-politician, who emerged through party ranks without leaving a wake in the 1980s, enjoyed an almost trouble-free year after succeeding Mrs. Thatcher following a party coup in November

But the albatross of misfortune appeared to descend on his shoulders almost immediately after he defied the pundits by winning last year's general election.

Within months the rot set in He lost a close ally when David Mellor, an arts minister and fellow supporter at Chelsea soccer games, quit after an extra-marital affair and charges of accepting favours.

Mr. Heseltine bungled with a programme to close down coal mines that triggered a national outcry. A sense that the government, so long in power, had lost touch with popular feelings grew as it stumbled from crisis to crisis. Education Secretary John Patten alienated teachers, parents



John Major

Death also intervened. Two Conservative MPs died, cutting Mr. Major's majority to just 18 in the 651-seat parliament when he faces hard votes over spending cuts and relations with Europe.
As Mr. Major's personal popu-

larity collapsed to a record low, his own leadership was thrown into doubt. A series of "fightback" speeches, delivered in the prime minister's deadpan, uninspiring tones, did nothing to revive his fortunes.

"A few weeks, even months, of error-free competence would do more for the Tories' standingthan any number of warmly ap-plauded fighting speeches, wrote Peter Riddell, political editor of the Times.

Hugo Young, Mrs. Thatcher's critical biographer, wrote: 'The greatest deficiency of Thatcherism is exposed: the generation of weak leaders it produced."

Ill-fortune has even followed Mr. Major abroad. He was distracted during the

Copenhagen summit this week by he party-funding row and calls for the resignation of a junior minister who retained links with Mr. Nadir.

Efforts to restore his credibility have misfired. After he sacked his unpopular Chancellor (fi-nance minister) Norman Lamont last month, Mr. Lamont scored a palpable hit by describing Mr. Major's government as being "in office rather than in power.

Mr. Major believes he will restore his grip over the divided Conservatives and the dispirited government as the economic recovery takes hold following a 2 and a half year recession.

Others have their doubts. Rightwing columnist Paul Johnson wrote in the Daily Mail on Tuesday: "Running out of luck is and Conservative voters with his a notorious feature of govern-



By Andrew Hill Reuter

MOGADISHU - The big steel padlock on the container had been cracked open like a walnut. Its contents, 35 boxes of seeds,

had been spirited away.
"Jesus," said the aid worker, the anger forcing sweat to break from his brow, "That's \$25,000 worth of seeds looted. It was meant for a women's group, to give them some income. To our agency it's not a lot of money. To the thieves it's peanuts, they sold it for next to nothing. For the people who were supposed to plant the seeds, it was everything

they had."
Five days after the United Nations bombed its main tormentor in Somalia, warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed, and issued a warrant for his arrest, aid agencies

are counting the cost to relief. All but a handful of relief workers were evacuated after Aideed's militia killed 24 Pakistani U.N. peacekeepers in an ambush on June 5 that provoked U.S.-led bombing of suspected

Few have returned. 'I'd estimate that less than a

third of the feeding centres in this city are open," said the aid worker. "There's no-one here to supervise the operation. And when they come back, it'll take them forever to pay the staff who remained and sort out this looting and get the operation up and

running again."
Symbolically perhaps, the containers had been broken into by Pakistani U.N. troops searching for arms in the crackdown on Mr. Aideed. They found none but left the containers open for Somalis to loot goods destined for their impoverished kin.

Symbols abound in southern Mogadishu, Mr. Aideed's former fieldom and the centre of U.N. and private relief work for the past two tempestuous years. Mogadishu residents awoke on

Tuesday to find four American warships bobbing in the surf. emblems of U.S. military might and reminders that storms may still swirl on the horizon. They carry 2,200 U.S. Marines,

the anarchy of clan war and extortion that killed 300,000 through famine. In May, the United States hand-

ed over the operation to the U.N. in a symbolie passing of batons of the "new world order" from Washington to U.N. headquarters in New York.

Six weeks later, U.S. Harrier jump jets from the USS Wasp howl over the city daily.

"I love hearing what we call the sound of freedom." U.N. envoy for Somalia Jonathan Howe said of their flypasts.
U.N. officials say it is unlikely

the Marines will land. They are being kept in reserve in case of further trouble over Mr. Aideed. His supporters have tried to hold daily rallies to remind the dwindling international media

corps of his clout. To judge by the

numbers who attend the demonstrations, it is weakening. Thousands marched for Mr. Aideed on Saturday, some with "Bill Clinton" written on the soles of their rubber thong shoes arrested him, took risky," said one Somali working for the U.N. That's why there are soldiers everywhere and ships off the coast. They are trying to keep the lid on this place, so that it doesn't

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Only a few hundred ragged

children marched on Tuesday,

Their chants against the U.N. and

the United States were high-pitched and blown away in the

wind. The exercise appeared to be more recreation than revolu-

Some U.N. officials confiden-

Aideed's arrest and trial by a

Nuremberg-style court is immi-

would provoke street demonstra-

tinns of the kind which forced

Pakistanis to fire into a crowd

killing 23 civilians. He or his

supporters could resort to guerril-

la tactics against the U.N., using

"It would be too had if they

Others say they fear his arrest

lly assure reporters that Mr.

colonial designs.

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# Weekender The demise of the Palestinian Christians

The Forgotten Faithful: The Christians Of The Holy Land ₱By Said K Abu Rish

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THE FORGOTTEN Faithful must certainly be one of the most refreshing and candid non-fiction contemporary works written by any Arab author about his own people and society in a long time.

Better yet the author, a member of the Arab Muslim majority, makes a case and a point for one of the so-called minority groups in the Middle East — The Arab Christians.

The fate of the Christians in Palestine is the subject of the Forgotten Faithful. It is in effect a plea, a reminder, a call for help and understanding. Palestine is being "cleansed" not only of its Muslims but it's Christians — and proportionally much more so of its Christians.

The author's message is: this cleansing must be stopped! By "cleansing" the author refers to the physical exile from Palestine and not the near genocide currently taking place in Bosnia.

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

The number of Palestinian Christians residing in the occupied territories of 1967 have gone from 130,000 in 1967 to 42,000 today.

At present there are only 4,000 Christians living in Jerusalem — the city of peace. From a group that once represented 12 per cent of the

people, today it barely represents three per cent.

It is emigration, mainly to the West, that is reducing their numbers and for "Palestinianism", as Mr. Abu Rish calls it, the loss of its Christian peoples would amount to a "huge

Their contributions to their country and the welfare of its people have always been beyond their numbers and they have suffered from sectarianism," Mr. Abu Rish says of Palestinian Christians in his introduction.

Their contribution to the Palestinian society at large then is what threatens to be lost and Mr. Abu Rish, for one, is deeply disturbed by this prospect.

He writes in amazement about anti-Christian feelings among some of his Muslim brethren and finds it "utterly

out of place, ignorant and distasteful."

He alludes that plans by Muslim revisionists to create an Islamic state where Muslim and non-Muslim will abide by Islamic Law are similar to the fanatic sectarianism of the Israelis themselves.

But the main and immediate problem for the Christians of Palestine remains Israel's disrespect and hatred for



The Christians of the Holy Land.

### SAID K. ABURISH

Christianity. Among the three main reasons Mr. Abu Rish gives for the demise of the Palestinian Christian population in the occupied territories are:

1. Israeli attempts to drive them out through economic

2. the lack of active support from western churches to whose congregations they belong to and

3. most recently to the rise of Islamic sectarianism and self-righteousness.

Not a single Palestinian Christian interviewed in The Forgotten Faithful cites attitudes by revisionist Islamists as a primary or even secondary reason for their continuing emigration to North and South America, as well as

Australia. Israel's policies of economic discrimination are constantly cited as the number one and main reason for the exodus. The unwillingness of the churches, who are loyal to Greece, the Vatican and Canterbury, to boost the Palestinian economy is another major reason.

The Western-based churches inability or unwillingness to speak out loudly against Israel's sectarian policies are cited as the second main concern of the Christians in

Seen as privileged and favoured by their Western co-religionists the Christians have received little real support from the Muslim majority.

Mr. Abu Rish writes in utter amazement how much more religious the average Muslim in Palestine has become. A citizen of the West for more than 30 years, be is by all

accounts a "secular" Muslim.

The "new Muslims" he writes are parting ways with both

Christians and their secular co-religionists. "The natural divide between Islam and Christianity has widened. Islam is becoming more militant at a time when the Christians of the Holy Land are becoming more moderate. Islam's militancy means an anti-West stand and the Christian moderation means closer identification with the newly moderate PLO and closer ties to the West," writes Mr. Abu Rish.

The writer devotes a whole chapter to the religious support for Zionism among the 40 million fundamentalist Christians in the United States. They, he says, unknown to most Muslims bave a total disregard to the native Christian rights to Jerusalem and the other Christian boly cities in Israel and the occupied territories.

Israel and Western Christians aside. Mr. Abu Rish is confused and saddened that the once pan-Arab secular spirit of the 1950's and 1960's has not really survived or evolved into something still more powerful and uniting. A new brand of Islam, for now, has taken the centre stage and threatens to become as bigoted as all forms of absolutism and fundamentalism.

"There is a bigness about them and what they do." writes Mr. Abu Risb," a grand, almost elegant assumption of responsibility in all fields. When it comes to the Palestinian problem they occupy a house above the ground, they are unique in their contribution."

In this decade George Antonious, Albert Hourani and Edward Said were and are among the many Palestinian and Arab Christians who wrote and spoke out in defence of Islam and what we call "our Arab nation". With The Forgotten Faithful Mr. Abu Rish has probably established himself as our region's first Muslim writer to speak and write in defence of the Arab Christians. Finally!

Mariam M. Shahir

# A century of misunderstandings

By Katia Sabet

CAIRO — It is not easy to explain to a non-Arab why the term "Orientalist" typically a Western intellecyual and scholar whose life passion is the study of Oriental cultures — has acquired such pejorative connotations. Often this scholar has learned difficult languages to be able to penetrate further the secrets of the Orient, and he or she lives there, making a life commitment to in-depth stu-

Among the best known Orientalists of days gone by were painters who captured the most different and varied aspects of the Oriental world since the 18th century. The very scenes they depicted highlighted the difference behween the two worlds and set them apart in their extraordinary beauty.

Yet, the results of Western studies on aspects of Oriental life were and still are perceived by Arabs with an enormous amount of reservations, bitterness and often anger. Agreed, such studies often were tainted by the prevailing historical, social. and political contexts of the time when they were done, but now a new generation of researchers has arisen: They dodge the pejorative lable to call themselves "Arabists," and they mean to learn from the mistakes of their forerun-

ed ners. Alain Roussillon, 40, is at the forefront of this new movement. He is a researcher at the Cairo "Centre d'Etudes et de Documentation Economiques, Juridiques et Sociales" (CEDEJ --Study Centre on Economic, Legal and Social Documentation). Of Egyptian and French parentage, he is completely bilingual and has the privileged position not only of studying in one of the historic centres of Arabism, but also of closely following the development of the crisis of identity rocking the Islamic World.

Mr. Roussillon traces the origin of the dispute between the Islamic World and the "Orientalists" back to the days when the ruling viceroys

tries composed of the young Arab intellectual elite. "Cultural relations between the Orient and the West were chiefly characterised by their reciprocity and they developed thronghout the period from the reign in Egypt of Mohammad Ali (1805-1848) to that of Ismail (1863-1879)," Mr. Roussillon commented in a recent interview. "Intellectuals from the Orient studying the West travelled to Europe and met with leading Orientalists from the same generation. The visitors to Europe drew comparisons with their world and discovered a wealth of documentation and knowledge there concerning Oriental and Islamic societies. But, they did not have a clear idea of what was being portrayed in the West about their history, religion

and society." The alarm bells started to ring when contacts were made with certain Orientalists who presented the Muslim World in a negative way. Mr. Roussillon cited the case of Father Lammens who left a body of work full of bias; against everything to do with Islam. That is when relations with the Orientalism movement began to sour. Those who had started what came to be known as the Arab Renaissance with its interchange between the Orient and the West, realised that there was a high price to pay for trying to modernise the Arab

World. "At a certain point in time, the intellectuals of the Orient (mostly from Egypt, Syria and Lebanon) realised that the idea of importing West-ern style to rebuild Arab-Muslim (or Arab-Christian) societies could back-fire. Mr. Roussillon explained.

"Take the case of Mansour Fahmi, the first Egyptian holder of a doctorate in philosophy and sociology obtained from the Sorbonne in the 1920s. He did his thesis with Western sociologists on the status of women in Islam. He drew inspiration from Emile Durkheim and quoted Orientalists, including Father

to send missions to France judged blasphemous by Mus-and other European coun-lims and caused a scandal in intellectual scene in Egypt, Egyptian society. The criticism levelled at Fahmi was so violent that he hastened to make an apology. He continued his career in safer waters and became director of the conservative national Egyptian library."

### Setting accounts

This was not an isolated example and it gave rise to the feeling in the Orient that experiences of immersion in Western culture endangered the religious faith of millions as well as their social status.

"At that time a literary movement formed in the Arab World mainly to reply to the Orientalists." Mr. Roussillon said. Arab intellectuals were out to settle their account for the intrusions of the Orientalists, but the debate bas not been all that it could have been.

"Muslim intellectuals tend to box themselves within the intellectual framework of their own society. They attack the Orientalist without trying to get on his wavelength, asking the kind of penetrating questions the Westerner did not ask. It is rather a dialogue of the deaf, which is unfortunate since the two cultures are then forced to interact on a lower plane," Mr. Roussillon said.

It is important to remember in this debate the considerable role of the first Orientalists who recovered the "Toras" (texts on the Arab-Muslim cultural heritage) and exposed the universal aspects of classical Arab culture. "It is not to say that the Orientalists discovered the big names in Arab culture, but they were among the first to edit their works scientifically," Mr. Roussillon added.

In the Orient, religious opinion dictates which texts comply with orthodox doctrine and are therefore acceptable for study. This attitude sometimes bas unfortunate repercussions for those circles which should be, by definition, open fields of research. "An Egyptian university professor, Nasr Abou

or khedives of Egypt began Lammens. His thesis was Zeid, in my opinion one of recently appealed against the barring of his request for university promotion because of an accusation of atheism and opposition to religion. This arose from his presentation of two works, one Naqd El Khetab El Dini (Critique On Religious Sermons) and the other on Imam El Chafei in which he criticised dogma in the Islamic tradition which rejects intellectual debate. I find this a dangerous attitude of the University Committee in bringing this accusation against the researcher," ex-

plained Mr. Roussillon. Prof. Nasr Abou Zeid's background ranks him among those who could communicate on social science issues with Western researchers and so relaunch the scientific dialogue which has been interrupted between the West and the Orient. But Arabs opposed to the Orientalists fail to see that things have changed since the time of Father Lammens. And even he and his colleagues can't be condemned en masse, Mr.

Roussillon noted. "The first generation of Orientalists lasted more than century and the fact that they worked within a colonial context had an influence on their work which scientific objectivity could disprove,' said Mr. Roussillon. "This is highlighted by Edward Said, a Palestinian-American who has dedicated a very interesting study to the criticism of Orientalism. Said is basically right when he says that the Orientalists gave a colonial flavour to their representation of the Oriental world. But, he appears to ignore or gloss over the fact that the main Orientalists did good work. As (Maxime) Rodinson said, it's not Champollion's ideology that counts, but the fact that he deciphered the hieroglyphics."

Mr. Roussillon is not very optimistic about the possibility of breaking the deadlock of the dialogue of the deaf syndrome, and of rebuilding confidence to open up debates. In his opinion the Arabists should make their work on the history of Egypt



Alain Roussillon

and on current religious issues available to Arab intellectuals in the Arabic language. The reason for this is not to compensate for any deficiency, but to demonstrate that even if these works evoke debate and controversy, they are not to be construed as plots against Islam and Muslim identity. The ability to criticise and dissect theories, even religious ones is a characteristic of research methodology in Western social sciences. Intellectual and scientific theories should be free from vulnerabilities and restrictions. Unfortunately today the gulf between the Orient and the West is widening each day and is taking on a religious complexion.

"After (the assassination of former President Anwar) Sadat, the general Egyptian opinion was that religious extremism could be contained by a widespread Islamisation of daily life. But the prevailing mood at the moment is very worrying," Mr. Roussillon said,

First, there is a dilemma to be clarified for non-Muslims, he said. This revolves around what is the basis of the spirit of Islam, that is to say the core body of doctrines including spiritual, political or social choices on the one hand and the living Islam experienced each day.

It is important to remember that religious authorities in different Islamic countries are deeply concerned and mistrustful about the strong impact and often uncontrollable interaction of Western culture with Islamic-Arab culture regarding all aspects of daily life, Mr. Roussillon noted. "A Hungarian author, Todorov, put bis finger on the problem by saying that two cultures often interact at a level which is very trivial

.That is why we have McDonalds, Coca Cola and Rambo on one side, and belly-dancing on the other. For the general population who do not go any deeper, it represents a perfect basis for misunderstanding, upon which it is easy to graft any kind of conflict. Perhaps there is no way to communicate any further" - World News Link.

THE DEMOCRACY OF PEACE: The Islamic Action Front (IAF) apparently did not reach its current strength by the force of its members' allegiance to God alone. According to well-placed sources, the Shura Council of the IAF held a meeting last Friday which was apparently dedicated to routine issues. But suffering from an acute competition between its hawkish and dovish members, by IAF standards that is, it had to some our a few internal problems. According to the sources hawkish Muslim Brotherhood deputy Mohammad Abu Faris took the opportunity of the meeting to deliver an elections-type of speech lambasting the IAF's inaction against the Middle East peace talks. At the end of his long and nery speech, he asked: "Where are the blood-filled demonstrations against the peace talks?" And the dovish securious not going to leave its arch enemy triumphan with an open-ended question. Tafileh deputy 4 bdullah Akaileh, who is considered a dove with a wild temper, immediately lashed back: "The IAF is a national legal, we that it is Jordanian party," the sources quoted ...m as saying. "And if this arrangement suits you then stay. If not leave." The sources add that a follower of Akaileh's felt encouraged by the way things were turning out so he added; "And who said the LAF was against the Midale East peace tells *епучау `* 

THE LEFT HAS ITS PROBLEMS TOO: Remember the ideals behind leftist thinking. Those same ones that shun tribalism and family connections in favour of the party's good. Well so much for slogans, for at least one well-known leftist party is suffering from its inability to put its objectives above its leader's personal family ties. The Democracic Front for the Liberature of Palestine (DFLP) allowed its Jordanian wing to break away from it and form its own local party which has come to be known as Hashd. Its only success story in the national elections of 1989 was Bassam Haddadin for the Christian seat of Zarqa, He coviously wants to come his success into the next Parliament. But 6 dib Hauntmah. carry his success into the next Parliament. But Adib Hawatmeh, also Christian, wants to run for that same seat. And Mr. Hawatmeh is very closely related to Mayer Manatmeh who heads the DFLP. In fact, he is his brother, And according to well-placed sources, Mr. Hawatmeh is not really lacking in support from his influential brother, who is also looking for whys to reestablish his Jordanian ties. The party appears to have merco ne this problem, in theory at least, since it declared Mr. Handadin is his candidate for the Zarqa Christian seat. But alwayside its official a mouncement stood a lone ad declaring that Mr. Hawaimen will run for that same seat. Mr. Hawatmeh and Mr. Haddadin will, of course. be contesting Zarga's Christian seat. Or ly one will be able to win and the party will bave to say who will get its support. The brother of the DFLP leader of Mr. Haddadin.

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MOVING FROM POLITICAL ARENAS TO SECRIT FIELDS: AT Ra'l soccer team Tuesday drew eero-zero with the Royal isledical Services team in the final match of a championship to celebrate the 40th anniversary of His Majesty King Hassem a assumption of constitutional power. The trophy of the championship went to the Royal Medical Services team which had accumulated one point more than Al Ra'i Gering previous matches with the Housing Bank and the Jordan Television teams. Director of the Royal Medical Services Dr. Yousef Al Gsous, who at an include the match with Al Ra'i Editor Mahmond Al Kaver, was of riously happy with his team's win. But it seems he would have been equally bappy had his team lost, providing that the game ended before the full 90 minutes were over. About half way through the game, the: heat and the not very-entertaining performance of the two; amateur teams seemed to have gone: To the audience of the match, including Mr. Kayed and Dr. Quon. At that point, what they hoped for was a fast end to the maten. "It is not important: that we win as long as the match ends now" Dr. Qsous told Mr. Kayed who, baving missed his siesta to attend the game, could not but agree with him.

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NEWS FROM MORE FARAWAY SPORT FIELDS: Jordan's national soccer team, due to arrive in Amman from China Thursday, has caused many disappointments to its fans with their modest results in the Asiar World Cup competition. The team spent over five months properting that the quantiving rounds and won five out of 10 friendly matches prior to the international competition. In the actual competition they played eight matches and only scored two victories, both over Fakistan. They finished. fourth in the five-team group which also included iraq. China and Yemen. Newspapers were not about to let the team get away with their result and the many other mishaps, or rather misfortures, that befell them. Al Maidan sports weekly said the Jordanian team was probably the only sports team, in the world to lose its passports and airplane tickets. Probably they are. A team official had left the important documents in his botel room and someone did not have any trouble snatching them. The thief was never caught and Jordanian players gave our empassy in Peking some extra work, issuing new travel documents for them. After the team's 5-0 win over Pakistan, the newspaper joked, one fan asked if the Kingdom's team would be playing in the World Cup finels which will be held in the U.S. in 1994. Another answered him: "No you fool, they have lost their pusso; to so they cannot travel to the U.S." Think this is family, check not what comes next. After their 0-4 defeat to Irao, players reported toey were being harassed by Chinese officials and press Headlines in the Chinese nowspaper read: "Icrean serves trag a four-goal meal", and "Jordan surrenders its match to fellow Arab team because Chinese fans supported Yerner, against Jordan in the opening match." That is not all. The team's misfortunes started ahead of the second leg of the tournament held in Chengdu, China. Their the second leg of the fournament nett in Chengau, China. Their flight to Bangkok was delayed for over 3 hours at Queen Alia International Airport. The piane then landed in New Delhi because of mechanical problems. Their scheduled arrival to Hong Kong was therefore delayed and they arrived there only to find that there were no arrangements for transit visas or hotel reservations. The worn out players had to stay a the airport until they finally took a plane to Changon where they rested from a 22-hour flight.

TARGET THE PRESS AGAIN: Dr. Ummaya Tougan is the respected head of the Amman Financial Market. Until recently, he was also a friend of the press but it seems that a little bit of the truth can hurt the best of friendships. According to broker sources, Dr. Tougan has circulated a confidential memorandum to the brokers asking them to cooperate with him in not talking to the press. That they found it difficult to ecoperate with him is obvious from the fact that there had been several stories lately quoting brokers on financial market business. The problems between the press and Dr. Tougan were apportently triggered by several press reports saying that prices of stocks in the market are overrated. He, after getting used to unionlested loverage of his assessments, was apparently ennoyed by the assessment and thought it wise to close the take on the sources for this information. Cynics among the wholen, nowever, believe that Dr. Tougan was worried that such reports would hurt his much awaited appointment to the Central Bank. Whether that is true or not remains to be seen, but in the meantime, journalists think that Dr. Tougan should read the ABC's of democracy and see whether there is any clause that guarantees positive reporting at all times.

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Nermeen Murad

#### By Jean-Claude Elias

You have just bought your new Personal Computer (PC) and can't wait to go home, connect everything together and start designing H-bombs before lunch time. Even if the model you bave chosen is the latest, the best, the fastest and you made sure to also get a powerful laser printer, a luxury 17" high resolution colour monitor and an ergonomically designed mouse, this is not just enough to give you

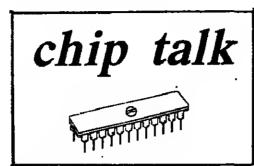
Special sed manufacturers are proposing a very wide Tange of accessories that can make working with your computer more enjoyable, easier and certainly more efficient. If a good part of those accessories and additions are nure commercial gimmickry aimed at selling you gadgets with no obvious interest, there is still a large number of extremely useful products that can get you a little closer to computer paradise. Computer manufacturers usually neglect or do not want to handle these 'secondary' products themselves.

Browsing through a specialised accessories catalogue, one can start with the new infra-red, cordless mouse. Would you accept to command your TV set with a wired remote control? Certainly not. Once you try the cordless mouse, your life won't be the same anymore. Talking about cables, most users forget that they can purchase extender cables mainly for the keyboard, the screen and the printer. at case they want to place the PC's main unit a little far

from the desk top they are working on.
The next magic item is the 21 MB (1 megabyte=1 million increases) floppy disk. While standard floppies hold 1.44 MB, the new model named 'floptical' holds 14times more. The Expiral is also much faster and more reliable than the 1 -- model. Its designers have been very wise by giving it the same physical size as the standard model. In order to winnince the bardliners, the floptical has been made backward compatible with the traditional system — it can read and write existing 1.44 disks.

How about having your family or friends' photographs stored and displayed on the computer, in full colours? A single inexpensive handheld scanner allows you to 'grab' and a cament or picture and keep it on your bard disk, silve a on the screen and eventually edit and modify at

the small digital tape is now a reality. With a buge sicuage capacity of two billion characters — this tape, costing only 3D15, fits in the palm of your hand or in your sails posite. Optical disks have also become standard but then case deesn't put them for the time being, at the reach Car with our models



A screen filter is an often neglected item. Far from being a luxury - JD20 for the best models - it reduces glare and the negative effect of electrostatic accumulation. It also improves characters focus. Such a filter is a 'must' for all those who sit and work long hours before the computer's

Computer stationery is a field on its own. Pre-printed forms, multi-colour labels and stickers, transparencies that go in laser printers and smooth-edge, pre-cut continuous sheets are only some of the available bounties that can tempt the PC user.

Storing your tapes and disks is not a matter to take lightly. Magnetic medias hold your data, which often is the result of hard and long work. Disk and tape containers come in various shapes and size, some of them equipped with locks to prevent theft. When your data becomes vital and you start losing sleep thinking of it, a special data safe will be your lullaby. These safes can withstand the high temperatures that can occur in big fires. They are also shielded to protect data from electromagnetism and of course, they protect disks and tapes from theft. An almost perfect data protection, they, unfortunately, remain expen-

To use all that, appropriate furniture is the ultimate product in the long list of computer accessories you have to think of. The choice of chairs, armchairs, foot rests, monitor arms, and especially designed tables - called workstations - is baffling. Depending on the size of your set up, the size of your printer and the complexity of your work, you can choose among an amazing range of computer furniture. They are usually treated with antistatic and non-conductive plastic coating. The best tables are also fitted with special ducts where you can insert and hide all the cabling.

Most of these products are available in Jordan. PC retailers often propose a good selection. Shops, specialising in accessories only, have opened in the country. And you thought buying the computer was enough?

### The circle

#### By E. Yaghi

Action springs not from thought but from a readiness for responsibility. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

There is always something going on around the circle where I live. It's like a panaroma or a theatre and every person who has anything to do with it becomes an actor. I live near a small cafeteria that sells fast food and ice cream. More often than not, the overly spiced scent of shawirms drifts up to my living room window and I am overpowered by an inescapable odor. It is difficult to close the windows in summer for the heat is overbearing so it is either smell the unsavory food and be cool or sweat to death and be free of annoying aromas. I guess I might not mind the smell so much if I thought that it wasn't used as a cover up for bad or old meat and I try not to think of the flies that I saw swimming in the milk that goes into making ice cream that too many people bave a liking for, especially small children. Sometimes I wonder just what kind of inspections, if any, the Ministry of Health performs because they ignore what I consider downright disregard for the safety and welfare of others. The weather is hot and bacteria enjoy multiplying themselves in unclean surroundings and uncovered milk. The sidewalk around the cafeteria is always greasy and never looks clean not to mention the inside. Have the workers of such cafeterias and restaurants got a clean bill of health or are they selling their own germs to innocent victims?

Not too long ago, a scrubby looking man set up a stand for making kebab in the middle of a neighbouring sidewalk. He bad no running water and he rinsed his utensils in a bucket of murky liquid that remained without being renewed until he finished for the evening. It wasn't enough that be himself looked unfit for selling meat procured from who knows where, but he placed some chairs and a table on the sidewalk for his friends who gave the impression that they were a corrupt gang of thugs and thieves. After some time, the kebab man disappeared from his usual accliamed territory so I concluded that someone must bave complained about his method and location of business, as well as his sordid friends who kept him company until long after midnight. I assume that being forced to leave will not discourage the likes of him and that he will merely move to a new location that is less supervised.

Beyond the poor sanitation of ice creams and fast food, there is frequently a sewer that is out of order and many a time, foul smelling liquid gushes out on the street while cars unknowingly, and with little choice, splash through this river of death. It is a puzzle to me bow those concerned with the broken sewage system permit such leakage to dump itself all over, contaminating every thing and every one it comes in contact with. And to make matters worse,

there is often a vendor who sells bread on the sidewalk or bank of the running river. When cars splash him and his ware, he takes no notice and seems totally unconcerned.

Past the mixed aroma of broken sewage (do we live in Gaza?) And heavily spiced sharwirma, a slovenly man daily carries around some turmos distributed in small nylon packs to potential customers. He too looks totally unfit to peddle his commodity but he puts forth great endeavour to lure young children into a purchase. He is often joined in a free for all competition by untidy kids who either push carts of turmos or carry grubby basins of the product in their

In spite of the unappealing food vendors, the circle is actually a scenic and charming spot to observe. It is especially pleasant from 4 p.m. onwards. Groups of well-dressed women with their laundered children spread blankets on the ground under the trees and sit and talk for hours. Still, it is unfortunate that some mothers do not discipline their children or teach them respect for the beautification of their area or the trees that grow there. Many times, children have deliberately broken branches off trees while their mothers witnessed such sabotage without making any effort to stop or prevent further damage. When boys play marbles on the soft earth, it is an innocent pastime, but when others come to play football, they completely plow down any chance of the growth of vegetation which is desperately needed to prevent erosion

At night, families swarm all over the circle to escape the isolation and beat of their homes and to enjoy the cool breezes of nocturnal Amman. Children bicycle around its sidewalk and have a gratifying time while their elders visit with friends and relatives also there to reap the pleasures of an evening outing. On Thursdays and Fridays, the circle is the scene of parades of wedding cars which circumnavigate the park-like area with honking horns. Busses usually follow in close pursuit filled to overflowing with women and children who sing, drum and clap their bands. On even more picturesque occasions, groups of young men sing and dance about the circle carrying the groom on their shoulders to the tune of bagpipes and the beat of drums.

Not far away from the threatre of the circle is the rubble of an abandoned shack which the municipality tore down and left. It has become more dangerous than ever because it attracts litter throwers which in turn is a bait for mice and

If we take care of our public property then we enhance the usage for ourselves and others. Parks and circles must be considered as our own homes and trees, bushes and flowers, the furniture of nature. Children should not be allowed to destroy trees or throw refuse in public places. It is pertinent that we bave a better inspection of cafeterias and food vendors also. A healthy nation makes and produces healthy minds.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Mohammad A. Shuqair

### AMAZING FACTS

- A blind American earns bis living by repairing carengines He is also one of the arrow-hurling champions. - The biggest cow in the world is 8.5 metres high, and
- weighs 60 tonnes. - An American conjuror plunges kebab-spits into his cueeks, large needles into his neck and hits nails on his
- feet and palms without a drop of blood being shed. A role invented a board for practising chess which allows three people to play at a time.
  - SAY IT IN ARABIC

"Common Phrases"

- We hope we shall soon see you in good health.

  Inshaliah neshufak karib bekhair. — Fiow are your wife and children?
- Keef hal maratak wi-awladak? They enjoy perfect health. Bissiba kamila. - I'm sorry I couldn't come last week. Assif alashan magdirtesh aji el-osbou elli fat.
- Kan indi nazlet bard. i cauchi a cold. Kan indi sudaa shadeed. i had a severe headache. Manimtish el-laila elli fatat. — : didn't sieep last night.
- ! was taken to the hospital. Akhadooni al mustashfa.

COOKING IS FUN

Fatta Shami

Ingredients

1 chicken 1 medium onion, cut into quarters and 2 medium onions 1 chicken bouillon cube.

vogurt, 4 to 5 ths chopped garlic, 5 thin green peppers.

Salt pepper and currin to taste 1 cup rice, 3 tbs butter, 2 loaves shami (pita) bread, 5 tbs tehina. ¼ cup vinegar, 4 to 5 lemons, 3 cups (4 containers)

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GARNISH: 1 bunch parsiev, washed and coarsely chopped. METAOU: Remove any extra fat from the chicken, then

place it in a large pot Cover the chicken with water and bring to a boil. Skim off the scum as it rises to the top. When the scum no longer comes to the top, add the onion. bouillon, pepper and cook for 30 minutes or until the chicken is tender. Remove the chicken from the broth and set aside to cool. When the chicken is cool enough to naudle, remove and discard the skin, remove the meat rom the bones and cut into bite size pieces, set aside. Pour the soup through a strainer and reserve the broth, discard anything else. Prepare rice, or use leftover rice. Break the pread into medium size pieces. Heat a frying pan with rutter. When the butter is hot, add the bread and fry until Trown, then remove from the pan and set aside on a paper

gowel to drain. Hand a nedium frying pan, add 1/4 inch of oil and heat. The shot, add the sliced onions and cook until golden row.: Remove from the pan, set aside on a paper towel to

Acc to cowl tehina, vinegar, juice of 4 small lemons and 1/2 cup water. Mrx well, add mote water, if needed. The consistency should be thick. Add salt, cumin and more lemon or vinegar, to taste. Make sure you can taste the lemon, as we still have to add the yogurt.

Add 1 cup yogurt at a time to the tehina sauce, mixing well, until you cannot distinguish whether it is white or brown. Place the garlic, green peppers and a pinch of salt in a mortar and mash with a pestle until you have small pieces, but it doesn't form a paste. Heat the reserved chicken broth, when hot, dip the bread into it for just a few seconds and quickly remove.

Layer the ingredients in a dish as follows: - soaked bread

- pieces of chicken
- sprinkle with garlic and green peppers - small amount of tehina sauce
- fried onions
- cooked rice - one more layer of tehina sauce
- sprinkle with the chopped garlic.

### HUMOUR

A woman and her young son were passengers on a bus. When the conductor came along for their fares she said, "One and a half to —" naming their destination.

The conductor said, "One and a balf! Why your boy is

wearing long trousers."

"In that case," replied the woman, "he can have the whole ticket and I'll have the half!" Immediately, a girl seated nearby exclaimed, "I say, conductor. I want my money back.'

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The scene was a Jewish wedding and the father of the bride was making a speech. "My friends," he said to the large gathering of guests. "In life, there are three important things that happen. You are born, you marry, you die.

"Now," be went on, turning to the young couple," you were born, you have now been married, there is nothing left for you to do but to die."

### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

"Superstitions"

- 1. Why do Indians decorate their costumes with feathers? 2. What is the origin of the superstition that it is unlucky to break a mirror?
- 3. Does the moon affect people either mentally or physi-
- 4. Why is a cat said to have nine lives?
- 5. Why is it unlucky to spill salt?
- 6. Will a horsehair thrown into a pool change into a snake? 7. Which jewel is considered unlucky?
- 8. What do you carry to bring good luck?

### **PUZZLES**

Rearrange the letters in each row to spell correctly the name of a flower or plant.

- 1. AILOSX 2. I A A A C C 3. EIJNPRU
- 4. ABEILLO 5. AEMORRSY 6. EIMOPRRS
- 7. AAAACDJNR 8. AACLOPRTU
- 9. AAAGHNPSTU
- 10. AAACHNPRTY



### JTV CHANNEL 2 WEEKLY PREVIEW

Thursday, June 24

8:30 Comedy

9:10 Quantum Leap

10:00 News In English 10:20 Feature Film -- Eleni

Starring: Kate Nelligan

Nicholas who is a journalist living in New York remembers his childhood during the Greek Civil War. He returns to Greece to investigate the murder of his mother.

Friday, June 25

8:30 Alf

Have you seen your mother

9:10 H.E.L.P.

The Children's Hour

10:00 News In English

10:20 Peter The Great

Saturday, June 26

8:30 Super Bloopers 9:00 Not Another Science

The Episode focuses on food preservation and how to deal with fresh and frozen food.

9:45 News In English 10:00 Soccer match

Sunday, June 27

8:30 Step By Step

Step By Step Sunday at 8:30

J.T.'s World

J.T. participates in a T.V. programme with his cousin. Liza tries to participate in the programme to.

9:10 The Trials Of Life

The Episode focuses on the sea creatures and the way

10:00 News In English

10:30 Soccer Match

Monday, June 28 8:30 And Baby Makes Five

Jenny wants her mother to have a nice time with Chester

9:10 Documentary -- The Story Of Hollywood

The Weslerns

Slarring: Brian Denehey and Piper Laurie.

The programme analyses with the

Western films produced in duph

Hollywood over the years, it has

and spotlights major stars interest

and directors.

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10:00 News In English

10:40 Street Justice

8:30 Beadles About

10:00 News In English

9:10 False Arrest

Gus, the superintendent at standard the car factory, struggles with

his family and at work, dech threatened by foreign indus- Lind try. Gus finds himself in the hear street only to face another win it. crisis at home.

Wednesday, June 30

8:30 The Torkelsons

The family celebrates Thanksgiving Day. The daughter has a special way to mark the occasion.

9:00 Spotlight 9:30 Voyager

10:00 News In English 10:20 Cruel Doubt

# Japanese marry English style

By Pamela Graham Reuter

CHRISTCHURCH. New Zealand - A bright southern hemisphere sun shone on Hiroyuki and Mayumi Tanaka as they stepped from the Rolls-Royce over puddles to enter the chapel.

Married three days earlier in Japan in a civil ceremony, they bad come to New Zealand's most English city for an English-style white wedding booked from a brochure

entitled "dream weddings industry which forced the down under".

But instead of having the service in one of Christchurch's Gothic-style Anglican stone churches as hundreds of Japanese couples had done before them, they got married in a school, chapel — the church hanned

such ceremonies in February. An estimated 500 couples like the Tanakas had been getting murried in Christchurch churches each year. spawning a wedding blessing

Anglican Church to step in.

Christchurch Bishop David Coles met Japan's Bishop of Kyushu Joseph lida for talks this month that are likely to prolong the ban.

Bishop Coles said in an interview the prospect of couples queucing up outside the city's churches forced the church to put its foot down. Anglican Church law says that at least one half of a

make the marriage vows and they should be educated in the church's teachings.

But the church had allowed a more lenient interpretation of the rules in the case of the Japanese, until it all started to smack of big business and

get out of hand. The ceremonies are a worldwide phenomenon. An estimated 60,000 Japanese are having their wedding blessed couple must be baptised into in much the same way each

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### New gallery exhibits works by 31 Arab artists



By Ica Wahbeh Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — If you were growing worried about having exhausted all venues for art exhibiting, rest assured. A new gallery has opened in Amman, with the ambitious project of displaying works by 31 artists from eight Arab countries.

The Ab'aad Hall, on Mecca Street, is part of an art programme of Hisham Adib Hijjawi's Scientific Foundation, a non-profit organisation established originally in Liechtenstein with philanthropic objectives.

Mahmoud Al Ubeidi, director of the gallery and himself a painter, said the aim of the Ab'aad programme was to support the art movement in Jordan, to encourage interaction between Arab artists, who could thus find out about the latest tecbniques, and to enable the Jordanian public to know the emerging artists.

The gallery is spacious although the low ceiling must trigger claustrophobia in some tall visitors. Its whiteness is emphasised by the immaculate white tiles interspersed with, every here and there, black square blocks.

The endeavour it made to have so many high calibre artists exhibit together - is courageous if a bit throwing off balance. There is no common theme (except for the fact that most works are abstract), there is no common technique (actually it is as different as it can get) and there is no certain colour code.

Yet the whole is harmonious, the colours do not jar the eye and the representations could so easily betray the country of artist and bis/ her state of mind. One can see abstractly

sketched portraits or female figures next to Arabic calligraphy and geometric forms; or stylised nature next to still life; organic and inorganic mix to create compositions of metal pieces held together by wires or screws next to dainty needlework encased in glassed wooden

boxes and stripes of paint: wood, collage, paper, canvas, oil, acryllic, water - colour, cloth, ceramics, stone meet and part, dazzle the eye and testify to the ingenuity of the human being when it comes to expressing himself and the world around him.

Patriotic or sensual, dark or bright, the messages emanate from the works of the artists, most of whom had already presented their works to the Jordanian public.

To talk about some would be unfair. To talk about all is almost impossible. The best thing to do is to visit the gallery and allow the works to speak for themselves.

The exhibition will last until July 19, 1993.



Oil On Canvas by Ali Al Mi'mar

### British-born Indian raises flap with rap on caste

By Moses Manoharan Reuter

BOMBAY -- British rap singer Apache Indian is taking India by storm, stirring up controversy in both countries with songs that challenge white racial prejudice, caste, and arranged marriages.

"Sometimes the truth hurts," says Apache Indian, for mic. the name by which the 26year-old reggae artist with the west Indian crew-cut and gold chains chooses to be known.

Apache, christened Steven Kapur by Indian parents who migrated to Britain about 30 years ago from Punjab, launched a tour of India lately, besieged by young fans and winning big coverage in local newspapers.

The slim, bearded popstar is already deeply embroiled in the same controversies he has stirred up back in Britain, where he has become a hit among young Asians and the most visible of a new genera-

tion of Asian singers. Local authorities winced when they heard him rap on Khalistan, the name Sikh separatists use to to describe an independent Punjab. It was deeped off cassettes produced in India before his

"I mentioned once that the

Sikhs are fighting for Khalistan ... wbicb is the truth. Ialways talk about things that are happening around me and that people are talking about," Apache said in an interview with Reuters.

He believes the fuss over his use of the name Khalistan arose because the separatist problem is seen to be on the wane in Punjab. But it was a major topic of conversation among Indians in England three years ago when he wrote his song about it. Apache pointed out.

"People here assume it had been just written," he said. In December, he commented on the violent fallout in Britain from communal bloodshed which shook India after militant Hindus de-

molished a mosque. He rapped: "Some people are angry, yes me understand. Because war and crime and recession, but you have to think of the situation... Don't use the Indian crisis as

Apache, who grew up in Birmingham and worked as a welder for five years defore his first recording in 1990, said he would write about controversial issues only after a lot of fans had written to bim.

"People write to me or say to me 'you are like our

In India, his new recording is set to tackle the caste system by which the country's main religion Hinduism divides people into four categories and those considered out-

His rap goes: "Who are you to say you is better. because of your race, your creed or your colour?

"Who are you that you still pray to God, but you still believe in the caste that you have?

Apache says he is criticised by conservative members of the Indian community in Britain for using rap and its influence on the young to trivialise and publicise problems that should be kept within the community.

They reserve their most trenchant criticism for his most popular number, "Arranged Marriage", which rose to 16 in the British pop

"Some people want to keep the problems to themselves, Indians in Britain are very contained within themselves...," he says. "But they neea to de adaressea. Some of his fans in India

believe the music is better than the lyrics. "They are too fast for me to understand," says Smitha

Sharma, a college student

who was waiting patiently



Reggae star Apachi Indian

with her mother for a pho graph to be taken with Apache.

On arranged marriages still very common in India she says: "So what is wrong with them? I don't have a boyfriend and my mother

Her views on the caste system are equally traditional. "Look, this may sound conceited, but I am from the upper caste and why should I \ liers of the luxurious Ali Busmarry someone from the lower castes?"

### Omani designer injects new ideas about abayas

MUSCAT (AP) - An Omani housewife staged the first fashion show recently in the sultanate, sparking the idea that colourful abayas should replace the traditional solemn black cloaks here.

Omani women, like others around the Muslim region of the Gulf, don a head to toe black abaya over their dress.

Kifah Ibn Sadeq Abdwani, the 29-year-old housewife, displayed some 65 abayas, modeled in a multitude of colours, cuts and fabrics.

Some were exquisitely embroidered with motifs of sea shells and animals, others bedecked with traditional silver jewellery.

"The time is now ripe for our abaya to regain its bright colours," she said in an interview Sunday with the Associ-ated Press. "It is bigh time for it to bid farewell to the black colour since Omani costumes are characterised by flamboyant hue."

Mrs. Abdwani, a former computer programmer in Oman's Central Bank, dabbled with designs as a hobby, inui sne succeeded in turning that hobby into an international Tour De Force during a three-night show held under the glittering chandetan Palace Hotel.

A diplomat's daughter, she

came to Oman at the age of 14 after a childhood in Kuwait, Austria, Egypt and Tunisia.

Kifah's fabrics range from flowing voiles and chiffons for the morning to heavier wools for the cooler evenings. Embroidery depicted the seashells and waves of Oman's 1700-kilometre. coastline, the traditional water pots of this arid country, and the oryx of the escarpment of the Jiddat Al Harasis.

Patterned abayas drew inspiration from the green, pink and brown hues of mountain marble.

Traditional silver jewellery was sometimes stitched into the cloaks - a necklace became a belt, and earrings a clip — and, with other gowns, sparkling gold adorned ankles, arms and heads. Hair remained covered in accordance with Muslim modesty.

Members of the royal family and government ministers joined in the applause for the of five months' work by up to 20 tailors and displayed by Omani models, including an architect, bank clerk and a student who studied ber math book during makeup. The 17 amateur models also

wore 24 regional costumes

and wedding dresses on the catwalk.

Secretary to the Omani overnment's caoinet, Hamoud Ibn Faisal 1bn Saeed, welcomed the different colours and designs of the abaya.

"I have seen it before but it's something very unusual and I personally think it's a good ioea," said Mr. Ibn aeed. But he did not think it

would spread quickly. "I don't Ibink they (women) will accept it immediately. I think it will be a long time before they go with it." Oman's Women's National

Tennis Champion Huda Al Nabhani said she would continue to wear black abayas, especially outside. "All the Gulf women wear

abayas of the black colour which is very nice but for my dresses, I like all colours, said Ms. Nabhani.

Traditional artist David Willis, an Australian who has been associated with Oman since 1979, applauded strikshow, which was the product ing "colour combinations" of

> the Omani designer. "I was glad to see she used traditional silver jewellery because Omani women have since gone over to gold," added Mr. Willis, who was impressed by the performance of the models.

### Of gardens, theorems and Tom Stoppard's masterful Arcadia

By Matt Wolf The Associated Press

LONDON - The talk is of landscapes, the laws of chaos and even the odd tortoise, the themes are love, sex, death - in other words, the grand dramatic tour.

Tom Stoppard's Arcadia is Tom Stopped and dizzying play London has seen in many a year, as staged by Trevor Nunn in a production to match. While recent premieres by

British dramatic heavyweights Peter Sbaffer (The Gift Of The Gorgon) and David Hare (Murmuring Judges) have fallen flat, the new play at the Royal National Theatre's Lyttelton Auditorium shows the 55year-old Stoppard in peerless

It's not just the intellectual scope that astounds: A broad topical canvas is nothing new from a dramatist who invokes moral philosophy and epistemology one minute, English cricket and Wayne's World

What separates Arcadia from Rosencrantz And Guildenstern Are Dead (1967), Jumpers (1972) and The Real Thing (1982) - all past Stoppard triumphs - is the extraordinary humanity underlying its sometimes highfalutin' concerns.

To be sure, the play may have a heroine, the teenage Thomasina Coverly (Emma Fielding), who in 1809 is articulating scientific phenomena which wouldn't be given a proper name for another cen-

But the precocious student is as interested in the workings of Eros as in chaos.
"What is carnal embrace?"

she asks ber tutor Septimus (Rufus Sewell) in the play's opening line. By the end of the evening, she knows — although she cannot know the awful fate soon to befall her on the eve of her 17th birthday that gives the play's climactic waltz its lingering bittersweet edge.

The Czech-born Stoppard loves intricate plots. The Real Thing, his Tony-award winning play, began with what is revealed to be part of a play-within-a-play.

Artist Descending A Staircase, a 1972 radio play subsequently adapted for the 

stage, has a V-like structure so that its first and last scenes are set in the present and the chronology moves backwards to and out from the sixth

The first six of the seven scenes in Arcadia alternate between 1809 and the present, acquainting us with two sets of occupants of an elegant Derbyshire country house known as Sidley Park.

The 1809 milieu is dominated by Thomasina and Septiinus, who has been practicing his own carnal embraces with Lady Croom (Harriet Walter), Thomasina's mother, offstage in the Gazebo.

The present is given over to Thomasina's descendants Valentine Coverly (Samuel West) and his sister. Chloe (Harriet Harrison) -

and two visiting researchers: A prim biographer and garden historian, Hannah Jarvis (Felicity Kendal), and a preening academic and avid gigolo, Bernard Nightingale

(Bill Nighy). Hannah has come to Sidley Park to research its mysterious "hermit," whose identity the audience can clearly guess by the end of the play.

Bernard is investigating a shooting on the estate involving the romantic poet Lord Byron. If he can prove the incident took place, he will enhance his reputation as a scandal-mongering professor ripe for the talk show circuit.

Stoppard bas a field day mocking historians' pretenses to accuracy by dramatising the relevant events in 1809 as well as Bernard's mistaken

interpretation of them almost two centuries later. Lord Byron never appears in the play, but the longhaired, dark-eyed Sewell makes Septimus an apt Byronic surrogate.

He also ensures that the postgraduate student Valentine is a proper heir of Thomasina. Valentine has the facility - and the technology to theorise in a way unavailable to Thomasina. whom he accuses of "just playing with the numbers."

Suffice it to say that Arcadia is dense enough to bave sold a record 2,100 copies since its April 13 bow. The play runs in repertory for a year at the National, where it bas been selling out. A Broadway run is possible if Stoppard's American producer. Emanuel Azenberg, can be persuaded to risk it in the tricky commercial climate of New York.

Stoppard's last scene fuses the two worlds, making overt links between the characters. Just as Thomasina is discovering ber first adult flashes of love and sexual yearning, so the modern-day Hannah has suppressed those same desires.

For one brief moment, Stoppard gives both heroines their chance to dance: "1 cannot be 17 and not waltz," Thomasina says in a remark beavy with innuendo.

The final image of release may remind some of Brian Friel's 1991 play Dancing At Lughnasa, whose five spinster women find similarly brief

ecstasy in a sudden and unexpected dance.

But the closing waltz is essential to what makes Arcadia great. Yes, the play bas scientific precepts to burn, embracing such diverse phenomena as Fermat's last mathematical theorem, thermodynamics and the invention of Thomas Newcomen's steam pump.

And yet, the play's true topic -- what Valentine significantly refers to as "the attraction that Newton left out" — ües in that realm beyond deduction: The intricate workings of love and death which remain forever allied not to science but to those artists, such as Stoppard, who can make any theatre lover dance.

### Yugoslav youngsters enjoy Disney favourites despite sanctions

By Bernd Debusmann Reuter

BELGRADE - Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck have been sucked deep into the conflict in Yugoslavia.

They and the other members of the Disney cartoon family have been officially banned from the rump Yugoslav state under international sanctions imposed a year ago because of the government's involvement in the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But a front-page obituary in Belgrade's main newspaper last January has proved

premature. "Our friends Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse have died," the newspaper announced, under a cartoon that showed Mickey in chains

and Donald in tears.

Six months later, Disney characters are still cavorting on a Belgrade television station whose chief says be would rather go to jail than deprive young viewers of a few hours of sanity in a mad

Since January. Mickey and Donald have emerged as proof that no embargo can be complete - and provided ammunition for those who say sanctions tend to hit the innocent more than the

As Belgrade University Professor Ratko Bozovic, a. sociologist, pul it: "If we grown-ups are guilty because we voted into power someone the rest of the world refuses to accept, who can prove the guilt of our chil-

The embargo was chiefly aimed at Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, blamed by the west for whipping up ethnic hatred that led to civil war in Bosnia.

Mickey and Donald became issues in the Yugoslav conflict on January 8 when the Walt Disney Company sent a letter to Zika Minkovic, head of the Politika Publishing House, Belgrade's biggest, instructing it to cease publishing Disney cartoons.

"The...United States government provides for very serious penalties for United States companies which do not abide by such an embarthe letter said. "The Walt Disney Company is affected by all of such embargoes. '

Part of the Politika Publishing House complied and a weekly Mickey Mouse magazine entitled Mickey Zabavnik vanished from news stands in Serbia and Montenegro, the two republics that make up what remains of the six-republic Yugoslav federation.

"We stopped publishing Disney characters on February 19," said the magazine's executive editor Mirjana Marinkovic, in an office whose walls are covered with Disney posters. "We stopped because we had to under the terms of our contract.'

Ms. Marinkovic said the decision triggered a flood of telephone calls from anguished parents and a steady stream of adults and children calling on Politika to

inquire whether there are any

old copies. There aren't. At one point, Ms. Marinkovic tried to enlist the help of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) to exempt Donald Duck from the sanc-

She suggested that revenues from the magazine should be donated to refugee and children's programmes. "We had no response."

It was not the first time politics had affected Mickey Zabavnik, whose first edition appeared in 1939. Before the break-up of Yugoslavia, the magazine had Serbian and Croatian editions in Cyrillic and Roman scripts respec-

tively After Croatia broke away from the Yugoslav Federation and war broke out in 1991. the Croatian edition was discontinued.

Ms. Marinkovic stuck to the letter of the contract with the Walt Disney Company but the daily newspaper Politika continues to run a daily Mickey Mouse cartoon strip.

"We are running old stuff, strips that have already been paid for," said deputy editorin-chief Milan Misic.

"Some of the cartoons we are running now were first published in 1940. I don't think they are covered by the agreement (between Politika and Walt Disney).'

For Aleksander Tijanic, the editor-in-chief of Politika's television station, the legal aspects of the case were secondary in his decision to run Disney cartoons for 10 hours every Saturday.

"No one, not even the Walt Disney Company, has the right to deprive children of this entertainment," he

said. "And particularly not in an environment where most (of wbat) they see on TV are the horrors of Sarajevo and War, war, war. Running Disney cartoons

is also a matter of economic survival for Politika TV, which covers the Belgrade area and faces intense competition from newly-estab-

lished local stations. Mr. Tijanic says that in the free-for-all of TV competition there is little respect for licensing agreements, copyright, or international prohibitions of pirating programmes by pulling them down from

satellites. Mr. Tijanic said the decision to go ahead with Disney cartoons was taken after a staff meeting debated the

"You can't be innocent in a whorehouse, I said. I take the responsibility. Let's go ahead. '

Mr. Tijanic says family pressure also weighed in his decision: His daughter Zara, 10, and son Stefan, 6. threatened rebellion if their favourite cartoon characters disappeared from his television station.

"I will go to jail or face trial as a war criminal rather than, take Mickey, Donald and all the other characters off the air," he said. "If that bappened, our children would be the only ones in the world without Disney. That's

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### New technique brings scar-free surgery closer

By Cynthia Johnson Reuter

LONDON - A surgical technique developed at Cambridge University has brought operations with minimal incisions a step clos-

The researchers say the technique, which allows flat, televised images to be displayed in three dimensions rather than just two, could also have other applications, such as in computer-aided

design.
"This 'autostereo' vision is just as nature intends, without special glasses or bulky headsets." says Adrian Travis of the Department of Engineering at Cambridge.

The new system. the Camoridge Autostereo Display. projects several images of an object from slightly different angles in rapid succession on to a bigh-speed liquid crystal display (LCD).

As each is displayed, a different light source is switched on behind it, so that only a limited area is visible. With images from two

angles an observer receives a different picture in each eye and sees in three dimensions — as in everyday life.

The viewer can also move from side to side and "look around" the stereo image on the screen, for example first viewing the front of a head and then the side.

John Moore, who has been working on the hardware for the system, said its first use would be in so-called "minimally invasive" or "keyhole"

Such surgery uses a flexible rod called an Endoscope. which can be slipped into the body through a small hole. It carries light down an optical fibre, illuminating the bodypart to be worked on.

A tiny telescope pointed through a second hole trans-

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The technique is used widely in gallstone surgery, for example. But its use is limited in more complicated operations because with current screen displays surgeons can view things only in two dimensions.

'Depth perception is obviously essential for safe and speedy operations," Mr. Moore said. "Would you want to be operated on by a

one-eyed surgeon? Cambridge already has competition in solving the depth-perception dilemma. Commercial rivals include Canada's International Telepresence Corp., U.S. Surgical Corp of the United States and Germany's Karl Storz-Endoskop Beteiligung-GMBH and Richard Wolf GMBH. A variety of approaches are being tried.

Mr. Moore says one advantage of the Cambridge system is that "these displays are running off a standard PC with a commercial graphics card. Most other parts are also available - if not off the shelf - then fairly quickly from standard suppliers."

The researchers, who include Stewart Lang of the computer laboratory at Cambridge, say the idea for the display was prompted by the availability of fast new liquid

These can switch on and off about 100 times faster than those using previous materials. Cambridge has built its system using a ferroelectric liquid crystal shutter and cathode ray tube to mimic a high-speed LCD. The next model will also use an LCD imaging system, Mr. Lang said.

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### New eye surgery — miracle cure or curse? Gregory Baer of Rome,

By Lauran Neergaard
The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Ronald Bates needed to wear glasses only occasionally, for reading. Yet when he heard that an opera-tion could cure his farsightedness, he had it the next day. The surgery almost blinded

him. A corneal transplant saved his vision, but be's still night-blind and extremely sensitive to daylight. Bates now knows the procedure, called hexagonal kera-

totomy, is controversial.

Some doctors say it's so dangerous they won't perform it. 'You wouldn't believe the pain that I've gone through...thinking it was

going to be a miracle cure

and it hasn't been." said

Bates, 48, of Rome, Georgia. "It's a terrible, terrible surgery and it needs to be taken off the market."

The surgery is an offshoot of radial keratotomy, in which doctors cut tiny diagonal slits on the cornea to flatten the eye and correct nearsightedness. The national institutes of health studied thousands of RK patients and found complications were relatively rare.

In hexagonal keratotomy, the surgeon cuts a five-sided shape on the cornea to increase its curvature and correct farsightedness.

Doctors at Emory University are treating patients who suffered severe infections from HK. In some cases, they insert contact

lenses to flatten warped corneas; others require corneal transplants.

"We're very concerned that this is being done ... without any demonstrated evidence that it's a safe and effective procedure," said Dr. Keith Thompson.

The procedure was developed by Dr. Antonio Mendez in Mexico in the

Proponents say it works well. In a study by Dr. Charles Casebeer of Flagstaff, Arizona, he reported that of 50 eyes operated on, 85 per cent achieved satisfactory vision and none had significant vision loss.

Critics say hexagonal keratotomy has never undergone extensive scientific scrutiny

Casebeer's is the largest published study.

Hexagonal cuts are slow to heal and more susceptible to infection and corneal warping, which causes vision problems even with glasses, said Dr. William Basuk of Emory.

"We've seen many more patients with complications from the hexagonal than we've seen from RK in the same amount of time, despite the fact that more RKs are being done." Basuk said.

Casebeer, considered the nation's leading hexagonalkeratotomy surgeon, said the key is choosing an experi-enced doctor. Good results depend on extreme precision and above-average dexterity, he said.

Bates, who is suing Dr.

was going to be experimented. 30 claims the procedure almost

Bacr declined comment on the advice of his attorney, but wrote in a magazine for eye doctors that he had performed hexagonal kerato- ith tomy successfully on more supplied than 200 eyes. Casebeer praised him as one of the few in life

ccessful HK surgeons.

Dr. Lee Nordan of San on Lee doing hexagonal is falled successful HK surgeons. Diego quit doing hexagonal keratotomy and now treats Me patients who suffer complica- 1 m tions. But he cautions that bed s each patient's risk is diffe sight rent. If the procedure's prog- 10714 nosis improves, he said he'll was perform it again.

The risk will never get to zero. ...but we need to correct farsightedness. We're all working on better ways."

### Late-starter Vietnam hopes to beat AIDS

By John Rogers Reuter

HANOI — With alarm belis ringing over an AIDS explosion in Asia. Vietnam is fast emerging as a problem zone. Experts say it still has a chance of slowing the spread but that may take a change of

A leap in the number of confirmed cases of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that can cause AIDS has health workers in Vietnam remembering with horror the beginings of Thailand's epidemic five years

But they say a heavyhanded approach by authorities could make things worse. Police are rounding up people seen as the main cause of the problem — mainly drug addicts but also prostitutes - and treating them in rehabilitation cen-

This sort of action and other examples of the "crackon HIV-positive people marrying, bas alarmed aid agen-

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cies who feel that blaming the disease on people at the margins of society will do nothing to stop its spread in society as

"HIV infection is not and

should not be considered a criminal offence," Vietnam's national AIDS committee and the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP) said in a report last month. World Health Organisa-

tion (WHO) experts cite Vietnam, along with India. China and Burma, as a cause of concern in a region which may produce more new AIDS infections than anywhere else in the world over the next few years.

"Nobody expected things would go so quickly and in this way." said Barbara Franklin, a consultant for Care International in Hanoi. 'It's happening in exactly the same way as Thailand."

She cited tests showing 40 per cent of drug-users in some Ho Chi Minh City treatment centres were HIV-

In Thailand, the disease went on to invade the general population over 18 months and Thai health officials now estimate HIV infects up to 400,000 people

From only 12 confirmed HIV-positive cases at the start of this year, Vietnam now bas 490 along with nine cases of full-blown AIDS. In Thailand, where nearly half of the 2,000 people with AIDS have already died, things started the same way.

HIV is spread by the exchange of bodily fluids, mainly through sex or contact with contaminated needles or surgical equipment.

If it grows into AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) the immune system is destroyed and a sufferer can die of common illnesses, which they can no longer fight off.

Foreign experts say cases should be multiplied by 300 for a realistic estimate, giving 147,000 HIV-positives.

though Dr. Ngo Thi Khanh of the AIDS Committee prefers a multiple of 10 to 100 giving a still-worrying 4,900 to 49,000.

The figures have risen rapidly because random testing has been replaced by target testing of intravenous drug-users — a high risk group because they often share needles.

Seven AIDS deaths have been confirmed, and Dr. Khanb expects about 20 by the end of this year.

Foreign experts believe Vietnam still has time to tackle the crisis provided it acts now to make people more aware of AIDS and how it spreads, primarily through unprotected sex. "If they take the Thai ex-

ample seriously, they can slow the thing down much faster than Thailand did," Dr. Franklin said, Deputy Prime Minister

Phan Van Khai said last week fighting AIDS was a priority. The government would try to prevent and eliminate drug addiction and prostitution while educating people to protect themselves against the disease, he told the National Assembly.

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"If the government starts looking at prostitutes and drug abusers as part of society, not as outcasts, and developing programmes to deal with sex workers and the drug problem, I think they will have a better chance of controlling it," said the UNDP's Jo Ann Schop, coordinating U.N. and aid agency efforts.

"As long as they treat it as a criminal and enforcement issue, we're going to see an incredible spread among drug abusers and prostitutes," she told Reuters.

Prostitution is illegal and therefore scarcely controll-

able, but there are thought to in the be some 400,000 women m ms Vietnam's sex industry. Experts say they must be edu- if cated along with their clients about AIDS and should be trained for other jobs.

U.N. agencies plan to step 3-d ... up work among exposed all groups like the thousands of 4 street children in Ho Chi Minb City, develop mere mother-and-child and family planning clinics, improve the quality of local condoms and ssist education programmes.

We want Vietnam to plan, we want Vietnam not to believe it is isolated," said 150 151 Dr. Schop. It was unfortunate, she mis !!

said, that the AIDS explosion ilisa had coincided with Vietnam's 1990s opening to tourism --and foreign investment, which had made Vietnamese believe AIDS was something 33 100 brought in by foreigners.

#### AIDS Conference down" approach, like official positive, compared with 34 calls for mandatory HIV tests per cent in 1988 tests in Bangof foreign residents and a ban

## Virus progressing more impressively than science

By Paul Racburn The Associated Press

BERLIN - At the conclusion of the ninth International Conference on AIDS, Dr. James Curran said he was "more impressed with the progress of the virus than the progress of the science."
"The virus continues to be

the focus, in terms of its march through the world population," said Dr. Curran, who directs the AIDS programme at the U.S. centres for disease control and prevention.

The World Health Organisation released a new report showing that 14 million people are now infected with the AIDS virus and 20 million more will be infected by the end of the decade.

That represents about 3 million new infections per year, or 60,000 during the week-long AIDS Conference alone. The conference ended this week.

"We must accept that scientific progress is coming in small steps, not leaps and bounds," said Dr. Michael Merson, director of the World Health Organisation AIDS Programme. Gloom about the pace of

scientific progress was widespread, but some suggested that scientists are on the verge of a second wave of AIDS research.

"I would urge people not to come out of here with a sense of hopelessness," said Martin Delaney, director of Project Inform, an AIDS treatment and advocacy organisation in San Francisco. He pointed to conference

reports on two impending advances.

One was the development of new drugs, including "antisense" drugs intended to confuse the virus and stop its reproduction. The other was a trial to begin this year in which genes will be inserted into human cells to make them resistant to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV, that causes AIDS. Although Dr. Merson

sketched a grim picture of the future of the epidemic, he also released a study indicating that an ambitious \$3 billion-a-year prevention programme could halve the number of AIDS cases in developing countries by 2000. "The world cannot afford

not to find this money." he said at the conclusion of the conference. "We can save 10 million lives, and we must,"

Many notable reports. promising or discouraging, were presented at the confer-

★ Participants had eagerly awaited the first results of a study that used two anti-AIDS drugs in combination to fight the virus. Excitement faded when Dr. Margaret Fischl of the University of Miami reported only slight improvements in patients given the combined therapy.

\* A French study known as the Concorde Trial suggested that the drug AZT was of no benefit in forestalling AIDS symptoms in people infected with the virus.

Other studies have found value in early use of AZT. Researchers have yet to sort out the contradictory results, but all studies show that AZT is useful for only a limited time, before the virus becomes resistant to it,

\* Improved AIDS vaccines are producing levels of immunity 10 times higher than earlier ones. The U.S. government said it is beginning to plan new trials of vaccine effectiveness in thousands of people for late 1994 or 1995.

★ Necdle exchange programmes were found to be dramatically effective at altering the behaviour of abusers of injected drugs, researchers said. In one study, more than 80 per cent of drug abusers changed their behaviour to reduce their risk.

**★** Studies of high school students were not as encouraging. Nearly half of

those who were sexually active used condoms for birth control, but many did not use them to prevent AIDS when other means of birth control were available.

★ Some prostitutes in Nairobi remained free of HIV infection for up to eight years despite an average of 32 sexual contacts per year with HIV-infected men.

Researchers have also found intriguing immunesystem quirks in men who have survived HIV infection for years without getting sick. The hope is that studies of these long-term survivors will enable doctors to make long-

term survivors of all AIDS , patients.

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☆ Dr. Jonas Salk, whose polio vaccine made him the saviour of millions of children around the world more than three decades ago, hinted c earlier in the week that be had achieved important new results with an experimental AIDS vaccine.

The results, when they were finally released, were 🤸 something quite different. Dr. Salk and his colleagues reported that the vaccine produced only the slightest slowing of virus buildup in infected patients. Virologists found the results confusing and unimpressive.

### SOLUTIONS

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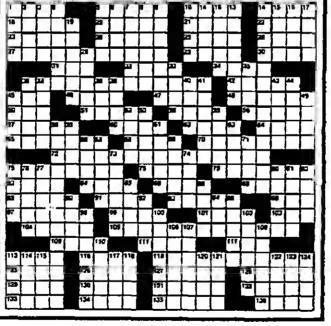
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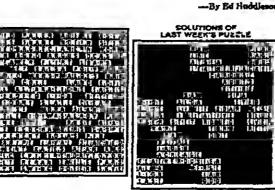
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if I thought it would really ng any results I might have ught about it," King Hussein lied.

3ot quite frankly," he added, think there is a process coing, there are genuinely seus & lempts to get somewhere. with all due respect to the reach of others, my approach been to avoid the theatricals address substance."

student asked the 57-yearivionarch if he had any regrets er his 40-year reign, or wishes had done anything differently. ie laughed and replied, "I poose thinking back, yes, many ngs I regret having done hat at given moment in my life I it think I would have done whing differently, given the mmitment I had, to do my

King Hussein Tuesday met th Speaker of the U.S. House Representatives Robert Foley \_airman of the House Fore-Affairs Committee Lee nmilton. King Hussein discusd with the two issues of comon interest at the regional and ternational levels, particularly r peace process, democracy d human rights.

The King also had a meeting in several members of the ouse, the Foreign Affairs Comittee and the Appropriations ab-Committee.

The King said at the meeting at as changes sweep the world ena and as it prepares to enter a w stage, he would always defreedoms and adhere to the rinciples which he had for genations struggled to safeguard. The King briefed the congressen on the democratisation pross in Jordan and the process of dorsing the National Charter rough a general conference, ressing that these measures conitute a framework for public articipation in the decisionaking process in Jordan.
The King also familiarised the

#### New Bosnia (Continued from page 1)

e weekend in Montenegro, the niy republic left with Serbia in e rump Yugoslavia. Nir. Karadzic said both sides ere willing, although not eager, accept a Bosnian confederaon as demanded by the jediators and the European community, rather than three

depedent ethnic states. "! think it is better to have rce totally separate states, but onts us to stay together then it ferring to the Arab refusal to ould be confederation," the trade with Israel since its incepere leader told reporters.

representatives with Jordan's achievements in various fields despite the scarcity of natural resources in it and the pressures and challenges it has been facing.

On the peace process, he said the opportunity now to achieve a iust and comprehensive peace which future generations would accept and protect should not be wasted, pointing that the U.S. position supporting the peace process had become more active which raises hopes of achieving progress in the process on the various tracks."

He said dialogue was the way to huild understanding and respect and cooperation between the nations adding that freedom, democracy and respect for human rights are the hasis for building civilised societies.

The King later answered questions by the audience on several issues including schools of political thought in the Middle East, the Bosnia-Herzegovina crisis and other matters.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali, Royal Court Chief Khaled Al Karaki, the King's Military Advisor His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben Moham-

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The Palestinians should retain

the administrative apparatus set

up hy Israel's military govern-

ment and simply replace Israelis

with Palestimans to ensure order-

The World Bank has estimated

previously that giving the territor-

ies a viable economy will take at

least \$1 billion in investment in

The Palestinians should im-

mediately set up commercial

banks and keep taxes and govern-

ment interference down, the re-

Israel should tear down trade

harriers that har Palestinians

from selling produce in Israel.

Palestinians may initially be re-

Inctant to permit free trade with

Israel, wishing to protect young industries, but should eventually

follow suit, Mr. Hausman said.

ultimately with Jordan could be

Israel's entry into other Arab

markets. One proposal is to establish a Middle East bank for

cooperation and development to

fuel the three economies and

"Implementing this is going far beyond the end of the (Arab)

boycott." Mr. Hausman said, re-

generate credit.

Trade with the Palestinians and

port said.

infrastructure and industries.

ly transition, the report said.

**Experts present shared vision** 

mad, Her Royal Highness Princess Ghaida Talal, Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz, Minister of Finance Sami Gammo and Jordan's Ambassador to the U.S. Fayez Al Tarawneh.

Earber in the day, King Hussein met with Defence Secretary Les Aspin at the Department of Defence.

As the King arrived at the Defence Department, he was received by Mr. Aspin, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Collin Powell and senior aides. The King was accorded an official reception and reviewed the guards of honour.

The King had an extensive meeting with Mr. Aspin, Gen. Powell and senior defence offi-

On the Jordanian side, the meeting was attended by Dr. Majali, Dr. Karaki, Prince Talal, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hafez Mirai, Dr. Tarawneh, Royai Protocol Chief Mohammad Al Udwan, the chief of staff of the Royal Air Force and the Jordanian military attache in Washing-

The economists said that while

there should be free movement of

goods and services, the labour

market should be restricted he-

cause of high unemployment in

Some 100,000 Palestinians

should initially work in Israel until the Palestinian economy has

generated enough steam to em-

ploy them, Mr. Hausman said.

Before Israel sealed off the occu-

pied territories March 31, some

120,000 Palestinians worked in

Israel, most in menial jobs, To-

day, the figure is down to about

together in January 1992 under

the auspices of Harvard's insti-

tute for social and economic poli-

cy in the Middle East, Some had

associate director.

peace talks.

The economists first came

45,000.

each of the three economies.

The two sides exchanged views on various regional and international issues, and reviewed hilateral relations and means of enhancing them.

### Israel suggests speedy empowerment

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convince Israel to change its position one cannot expect progress," Dr. Allaf said.

The Arabs are demanding the only thing without which you cannot establish peace — com-plete withdrawal," Mr. Allaf said. "We are ready to discuss all the other elements..."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin admitted Wednesday during a military radio broadcast that be had been disappointed with the slow progress of the Middle from the Arab side." East peace talks.

peace talks would he quicker, that has been my greatest dis-appointment," Mr. Rabin said. He added he was wrong to predict reaching an autonomy agreement with the Palestinians

within nine months of taking

"We want peace and we will get there," he pledged. "It will of yield on questions which we consider fundamental, notably secur-

Mr. Rabin ousted the rightist coalition of Likud party Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir a year

At the time he promised to accelerate the peace talks launched in October 1991 and predicted a self-rule agreement with the Palestinians within nine to 12 months.

Mr. Rabin, touring road construction sites, said the Arabs were to hlame for not answering his government's peace over-tures. He said: "We are not receiving an appropriate response

Mr. Rabin said a boom in road "I thought that progress at the construction reflected Israel's changing economic priorities under his rule.

Shortly after taking office Mr. Rabin, 71, froze new housing contracts in the occupied territories, allowing completion of 14,500 units already begun. He vowed to shift priorities and speed up the sale of state com-

But unemployment, fuelled by course take time, but we will not a surge of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, remains close to a record 11 per cent.

### U.S. visit boosts Jordan's role

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King Hussein has repeatedly distanced himself from President Saddam Hussein and Jordan continued to observe the sanctions on Iraq in compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions. King Hussein, however, has heen reluctant to drag Jordan into any effort that would npset the intricate balance with the regime in Baghdad for both domestic and regional considerations. The Kingdom still receives its full oil supplies at half price from Iraq. Furthermore, Jordan's national security could suffer from any further troubles inside Iraq itself particularly from threats to its territorial integrity and weakness

in the neighbouring state.

The Jordanian sceptics feel

doubts and misgivings in the be-ginning, but changed their views that upon return to Amman, the King and Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali might during I8 months of work, said have to lay the ground for a Anna Karasik, the institute's possible hreakthrough with the Among the participants, the Israelis in the peace talks, Associated Press reported, were mainly by taking a stronger stand against those who are Tayseer Abdul Jaber, a former labour minister ln Jordan, Jawad' opposed to a peace settlement Anani, member of the Jordanian and other diehard supporters delegation to the peace talks, of the Iraql regime. At least Stanley Fisher, former chief ecodissenting voices, whether in nomist of the World Bank, mosques or in the press, would Daniel Gottlieb, senior economist at the Bank of Israel, and have to be subdued as a result Ghassan Khatih, member of the Washington, the sceptics say. Palestinian delegation to the The King in fact, just before he left on the U.S. trip, lashed out at those in the press and else. where who want to have it both ways: Call for democracy at home and support repression against fellow Arabs. On continual basis before that, King Hussein had criticised, but did not take action against, those

who used public fora, like the

more than a promise, .

It's an achievemen

mosques, to oppose peace negotiations with the "Jews" and those who sow seeds of religious and social strife in the Jordanian society in pursuit of

their policies. King Hussein's visit to Washington coincided with the opening of the 10th round of the bilateral peace talks. Dr. Majali, who had been chief negotiator to the peace talks until he became prime minister in late may, took the opportunity to instruct his team not to step ahead of the Palestinian

track in making progress.

A few days later, the King told reporters in Washington that it is about time that the people could see some type of tangible results.

"I am hopeful, I am optimistic, I am determined to do whatever we can to make progress towards a settlement which brings security and con-fidence in the future," he said. But he was sure to reiterate that Jordan will not sign a peace agreement until progress is made in negotiations with

the Palestinians. Jordanian officials, who view the King's visit to the U.S. as a major success, insist that the sceptics' contention that there may be a price to pay for the new 1 rapprachement with Washington is mere speat what the King said in Washington on Monday," a senior official said. "His Majesty's commitment to democracy, pinralism and policy of inclusion is unwavering," the official added, stressing that "the Americans know that there is no price to exact at the expense of Jordanian democracy and other fundamental poli-

### U.N. puts out posters

(Continued from page 1) ters and suspected arms caches. Street riots followed in which dozens of Somalis and five peacekeepers — four Moroccans

and a Pakistani - were killed. The U.N. says it wants to try him for war crimes. Gen. Aideed maintains that the June 5 killings were a spontaneous reaction by ordinary Somalis to attempts to wreck his organisation.

It helieves it has smashed his power base and destroyed his political effectiveness by denving him the right to broadcast from his bombed-out radio station or address rallies. Journalists who saw Gen.

Aideed on Tuesday said he appeared relaxed and unruffled in a suit and tie. He told Voice of American radio he expected his people to defend bim. Somalis close to Gen. Aideed

painted a different picture of a man on the run, changing house every few hours, a fugitive in his own fiefdom turning closer to Ĭslam.

"You know, I am here in the city of Mogadishu and I am protected by God and my people,' Gen. Aideed told VoA. "I am not worried about the (U.N.) search.

Overnight Wednesday, gunmen fired machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades at the U.N. headquarters, and at least two Somalis were believed to have been killed when American and Tunisian forces returned fire, said military spokesman Major David Stockwell.

It was the first such attack on the sprawling, fortified compound in about two weeks. Maj. Stockwell said no U.N. forces suffered casualties.

He said the attacks began at about 8 p.m. Tuesday and continued until midnight. Another attack occurred at about 5 a.m.

Wednesday.
Gen. Aideed gave interviews to VoA, the British Broadcasting Corporation, and NBC-TV, a commercial U.S. television net-

The commander of Italian forces in Mogadishu said Wednesday U.S. Marines had intruded in an area under Italian control and provoked protests by Somalis during which an Italian paratrooper was slightly hurt.
General Bruno Loi said ou
Italy's GRI state radio that the

U.N. military command had failed to warn him the Marines were entering an area of the Somali capital patrolled by Italian troops. He said he wanted an explanation from the U.N. Turkish commander, Gen. Cevik

Italy's ANSA national news agency said Gen. Loi had a shouting match with Gen. Bir over the radio about the incident.

The Italian commander said it was unacceptable that troops from another contingent should be deployed without warning inan area under his responsibility and demanded assurances from the U.N. command that such incidents would not recur.

# Loggers, environmentalists gear up for war

By Jon Ferry Reoter

CLAYOOUOT SOUND, BRIT-ISH COLUMBIA - Deep in the rain forest on Canada's west coast, veteran logger Dave Stevens inhales a cigarette and outlines his views on environmental activists.

"I'd like to smash their faces in," Mr. Stevens says beside a stack of giant hemlock and balsam trees he has helped chop down with his German-made chainsaw.

The anger of Mr. Stevens, 54, is deeply personal.

A year-and-a-haif ago, his 25year-old son was laid off from a nearby pulp mill. His wife, Elsie, and one of his daughters also lost their jobs at a local plywood "I hlame the e vironmentalists for that," he says.

The lush Vancouver island regiou where Mr. Stevens is standing in traditional logger's calk boots is home to salmon-rich rivers, fjords and many of the world's oldest and tallest trees.

It is also home to an ugly battle between anti-logging activists dedicated to saving what they say is a dying ecology and forest workers desperate to preserve a dying way of life.

"The young people will not have jobs in the forest industry. I'm lucky if I can make it to retirement," Mr. Stevens ex-

Canada is the world's largest exporter of forest products. In recent years, however, environmental groups have focused world attention on the way its humber industry is gobbling up the last remaining stands of uncut temperate rain forest.

Earlier this year, the British Columbia government was pillorled in a full-page advertisement taken out hy environmental groups in the New York Times. A coalition of European groups urged a ban on the import

of Canadian forest products. "There's no place any longer where paradise isn't under threat. This is the closest thing to para-dise that I know," says Valerie Langer, a hed-and-breakfast operator and director of the Friends of Clayoquet Sound environmental group.

Over the past five years, Ms. Langer and other activists have engaged in numerous anti-logging than 100 arrests at blockades of

local logging roads.

Ms. Langer says she herself spent nine days in jail and is an advocate of peaceful civil disobedience.

But other environmentalists are more extreme. Already this vear, two boats and a bridge in the region have heen set

In March, demonstrators

opposed to logging broke through the locked doors of the British Columbia legislature, shattering a window and injuring a security guard.

In April, British Columbia Premier Michael Harcoort announced that his government would permanently reserve about one-third of the sound and allow logging on most of the remainder.

The decision served only to inflame the environmentalists, supported by lawyer Robert Kennedy Jr., son of the slain U.S. senator.

They announced they would hold mass demonstrations this summer to halt the logging by Canada's largest forest company, MacMillan Bloedel L.

Toronto lawyer Clayton Ruby predicted thousands of lawabiding citizens would break the law. "The judges will look out at courtrooms full of doctors, accountants, engineers, lawyers, housewives and students. They will see their colleagues, their classmates and their children," he

Militant environmentalist Paul Watson, of the California-based Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, said his group has driven spikes or long nails into more than 20,000 Clayoquot Sound trees to deter logging activity. Mr. Stevens, a MacMilan Bloedel employee, says he is worried his chainsaw will strike a spike and seriously injure him.
"All the loggers here feel ex-

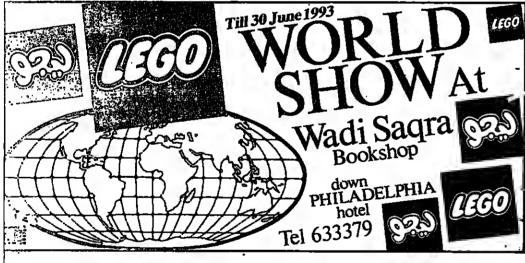
tremely bitter towards the environmentalists," he says. Mr. Watson, however, has no sympathy for loggers. "The log-gers have had it their way for far

too long," he says. Former forestry worker Mike Morton, who heads a local industry support group, calls Mr. Watson irresponsible. "Paul Watson is a jerk. The guy is nothing less than a terrorist. He's a clown and he belongs in a circus," he

Mr. Morton says his group will launch its own series of counterprotests this summer. "The residents of the rural community of British Columbia are not going to put up with any more nonsense from this fringe element on the West coast of Vancouver Island," he told Reuters.

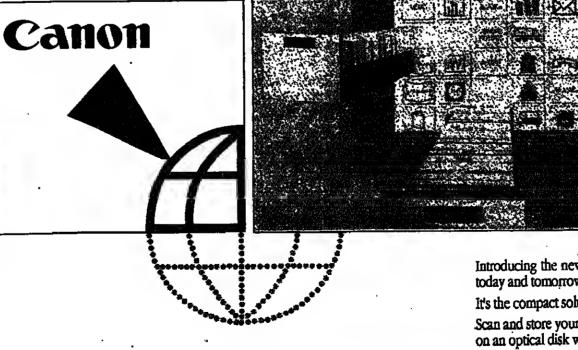
Frank Van Eynde, a hospital administrator who is mayor of the rown of Tofing, says he is concerned that the protests could turn violent. "There are extremists on both sides," he says.

But George Patterson, a U.S. businessman now living in Tofi-no, says the tide of public opinion is turning. "In five to 10 years, it could be sooner, the notion of destroying these forests to get the timber will be about as popular as shooting elephants to get their ivory," he says.





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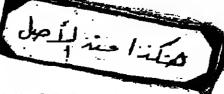
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### EC leaders offer little help to jobless, order new strategy. of investment and training ly embrace his eight-point plan

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — European Community (EC) leaders Tuesday offered no amediate relief for millions of workers idled by recession, opting instead for a strategy of investment and training to revive heir stricken economies.

With little cash to spare, the ders of the 12-nation trading bloc chose a cautious path in trying to create new jobs, restore economic growth and become more competitive with the United States and Japan.

. No crash programme or quick

thes were proposed.

"We resisted big new money for big new jobs," said British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd at the end of the two-day aummit. This summit... didn't produce some new, small decisions here and there, but (took) a global approach" to problems, said Ita-tion Prime Minister Carlo Ciam-

The lenders acknowledged their economies were in crisis and expressed concern about the "grave dangers" posed by high memployment. More than 18 million will likely be out of work ment year — the most in three

BE DELJING (R) — China has un-

the cities' prosperity.

Daily said Wednesday.

weiled a five billion yuan (\$871 million) package of preferential

ens to help its countryside share

The loans will boost growth of

rural enterprises in poor central

and western China, the China

The official newspaper also

said that 100 million yuan (\$17.5

million) had been earmarked for

the development of small cities

The moves were clearly aimed

tive pessants, who feel that the

at appeasing China's increasingly

wave of urban affluence has pas-

ed them by, political analysts

Farmers' incomes averaged

ban wage of about-1,800 years

Eighty per cent of the 1.2

on Chinese live in the coun

tryside, forming a key constituen-

cy the Beijing leadership cannot ignore. China's upper echelon

has been at pains to assure rural

Chinese that their interests are

being taken into account after

two confirmed incidents of

meant unrest in recent weeks.

Earlier this week, the govern-

ment banned local officials from

brying arbitrary taxes and fees

on farmers, a practice that led to

siots this month in Sichuan pro-

The latest moves involve con-

struction of 100 small cities and

towas to serve as magnets for

conomic activity and improve

ences of prosperity, the official

These moves are aimed at

helping more and more Chinese

farmers adapt to the country's

ared with an average annual

cely 787 year (\$137) last year,

and sowns in the countryside.

China unveils new steps to

appease rural poor

Bowing to British pressure, the leaders dropped from their final statement assurances that their extensive systems of unemployment. disability, health and re-tirement benefits would not be

Those costs, while providing a cushion for workers, drive up employers' expenses, in turn adding to the price of goods sold

on world markets.

Mr. Major had urged the nations to pare lahour costs, ease burdensome, rules on employers and clamp down on costly be-nefits to job holders.

"All of us, without exception, want to protect the elderly and the vulnerable," he insisted.

France, Denmark and others, however, were likely to resist any effort to dismantle workers' be-

The leaders asked the Community's chief executive, Jacques Delors, to come up with a "white paper" by the end of the year listing concrete measures for restarting their economies and pro-

14-year-old market-style reform

and open-up pulicies," the China Daily said, "They are also de-signed to maintain a stable coun-

Li Li, an official of the State

Planning Commission's Depart-

ment of Rural Economy, said most of the money would be used

to develop wholesale markets and

infrastructure, according to the

The government wants to en-

courage rural people to stay

where they are rather than follow

the millions of farmers who have

already left in search of more

hicrative jobs in the big cities.
"Government officials see the

construction of more small cities

and towns as important to in-

crease farmers' incomes at a time

when a growing number of far-

mers are losing enthusiasm for planting rice, wheat and corn,"

help farmers sell their crops and

provide labour markets for find-

ng work locally, it said. Meanwhile, the Chinese gov-

'ernment said Wednesday that the

economy grew 15 per cent in the

first quarter of the year and is still

expandiog at a 13 to 14 per cent

It said the high-speed growth

has led to steady improvement in

living standards, but acknow-

ledged that it also has caused high

inflation and supply bottlenecks.

Ribao), the Communist Party

newspaper, said the latest figures were released by the State Plan-

ning Commission. It said the gross national product in the first

quarter of the year was 15.1 per

cent bigher than in the same

period of 1992.

The People's Daily (Renmin

the newspaper said. Better local facil

annual rate.

But they did not wbolehearted-

### Members of parliament blast Kuwaiti government over suspected graft new reporting guidelines to be followed from Aug. 14. KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's at least some of the drop was due

opposition-dominated parliament Tuesday delivered a scathing attack on the government over suspected graft within a multibillion dollar investment empire meant to fund the country when

calling for more spending on re-search and development and

channelling \$50 billion a year into

transportation and other public

tries, and he proposed extensive

the price tags, suggested the na-tions offer their own ideas before

Mr. Delors and his aides get to

wrok on the new strategy.
"We haven't won the fight

yet," acknowledged Mr. Delors.

In the meantime, the leaders called for adding \$3.5 billion on

top of a \$42 billion economie growth package adopted last De-

The money will be funnelled

into railroads, roads and other

infrastructure projects to boost

economic growth, support small

and medium-sized businesses and

create nearly balf a milliou jobs

The leaders also called for re-

The recession has been blamed

partly on Germany's high interest

rates, which were pushed up be-cause of the expenses of unifying

Those rates have come down in

recent months. But some leaders

complained European rates were

still much higher than those in the

called for an early end to the

much-delayed Uruguay Round of

world trade talks to give a boost

to the world economy.

But the European Commun-

ity's inability to overcome their

own differences in the negotia-

tions raised doubts about whether

a breakthrough could be achieved by year's end.
"I doo't think Europe will

French President François Mit-

terrand, whose government

opposes an accord between the

Community— and the United

States cutting government sub-

The EC leaders promised six

East European countries they

could join the EC when they were

ready and offered encouragement

EC leaders at their twice-yearly

ummit went further than ever

before in stating that Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republie,

Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria

would find a place inside the EC

once they met its economie and

"The European Council has

today agreed that the associated

countries in central and eastern

Europe that so desire shall be-

come members of the European

union," the summit conclusions

said. The six countries bave asso-

ciation agreements with the EC.

"Accession shall take place as

soon as an associated country is

able to assume the obligations of

membership by satisfying the eco-nomic and pulitical conditions re-

quired," it pointed out.

civil rights requirements.

said

speak with one voice,

sidies to farmers.

The nations - yet again

with its eastern neighbour.

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ductions in interest rates to stimu-

over the next few years.

late economic recovery.

works projects.

ember

He suggested investing \$8.3 billion a year in high-tech indus-"We are living in sewage," opposition deputy Abdullah Al Nibari told an outspoken assemtraining programmes.

Mr. Kohl, alarmed by some of bly debate on corruption.

Finance Minister Nusser

Abdullah Al Rodhan said he was trying to bring to justice three foreign-based former state investment officials suspected of misconduct. The announcement did not satisfy parliamentarians furious over suspected graft.

"If the government cannot deal with the issue it should resign," said deputy Mohammad Al Mur-

"The country is in a situation that demands a new government up to the responsibilities ahead, a government of salvation which doesn't include anybody who is involved in all these tragedies," said parliamentarian Ahmad Al

Emotions are running high in the emirate over the heavy depletion of its overseas investment empire, once valued at around \$100 billion but now believed worth less \$40 billion.

The fall is due mostly to payment of Gulf war expenses, but some members of parliament say

**Bankruptcies** in Japan fall for first time in 32 months

TOKYO (AP) - The number of corporate bankruptcies in Japan fell in May from their year-earlier level, reversing a 32-mouth worsening trend, a private credit research organisation has said. Teikoku Data Bank Ltd. said

bankruptcies by companies with liabilities of more than 10 million yen (\$95,000) fell by 3.9 per cent from a year earlier to 1,113 cases to other former communist bloc io May. It said the decline suggested states seeking closer ties to Brus-

that Japan's econom covering slowly from its slump. The agency added, however, that Jarfanese companies that

went bankrupt in May left 661,2 billion yen (\$6.3 billion) in debts, np 15.7 per cent from a year earlier. The amount was the largest since 775.3 billion yeu (\$7.4 billion) in March, the bank It said the corporate bankrupt-

cies included 250 construction companies, up 8.2 per cent; 182 manufacturing companies, down 5.2 per cent; 223 wholesalers, down 11.9 per cent; 189 retailers, down 1.0 per cent; 39 transportation companies, down 9.3 per cent; 86 real estate companies, unchanged, and 129 service industry, down 6.5 per cent from May 1992.

to abuse and mismanagement in state iovestment bodies.

Parliament spenker and opposition veteran Ahmad Al Saadoun said wrongdoing by Kuwaiti officials had become a greater threat to the country than addam Hussein, the Iraqi president whose troops occupied Kuwait for seven months io 1990-

"Every criminal and abuser should receive his punishment." he said. Angry MPs, speaking under parliamentary privilege, accused former Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) officials Sheikh Fahd Al Sabah, Found Janfar and Khaled Nasser Al Sabah of abuse io connection with Kuwait's investments in

Sheikh Fahd, a former chairman, Foud Jaafar, a former general manager, and Khaled Nasser Al Sabah, a former consultant, all left KIO employment

in the past three years.

The three, all believed to be based in Britain, have previously denied any wrongdoing. Kuwait does not have an ex-

tradition treaty with Britain. Sheikh Rodhan replied that "a decree by the general prosecution to detain and bring the three accused was issued."

"The issue has been registered with Interpol," he said, referring to the International Police Information Exchange.

Kuwait's accounting watchdog said Wednesday it would toughen state investment rules to prevent corruption but did not want toimpose too much red tape. State Audit Bureau President

Faris Al Wagayan told Reuters he would soon issue scandal-hit state investment institutions with

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In a statement faxed in re-

sponse to written questions from Reuters, Sheikh Wagayan said he would take care not to place "complexities" in the way of the investment bodies concerned. "The bureau's philosophy is

one of extreme thoroughness in following the flow of public money through investment chan-nels, yet without (placing) com-plexities," the statement said. The basic purpose of investment is to keenly develop public funds and maintain assets, but this approach should not prevent the punishment of whoever takes it upon himself to abuse public money or mismanage it." "The audit bureau's extreme

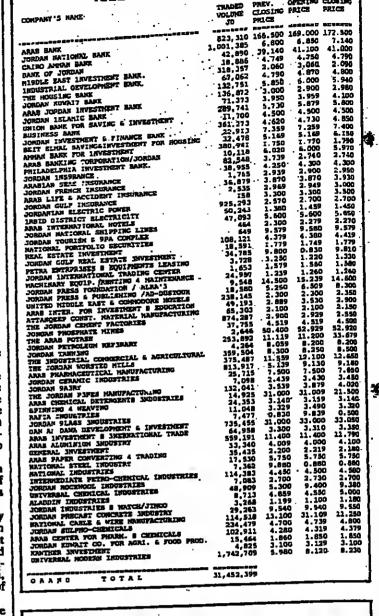
keenness not to cause negative effects by its monitoring of the companies which fall under the law calls for extreme caution in finding the best means for investment monitoring," Sbeikb

His staff would be cautious in deciding the form and content of the reporting and the procedures they would use to check it. The law says that any company

based either at home or abroad in which the Kuwaiti state has at least a 25 per cent stake should from Aug. 14 report all invest-ment transactions to the bureau, in some cases within 10 days of carrying them out.

The companies covered by the law are part of a multi-billion dollar overseas investment empire supervised by the KIA. The bureau, which will be re-

quired to report to parliament every six months on state investment activities, is drafting the detailed guidelines officials will need to follow.



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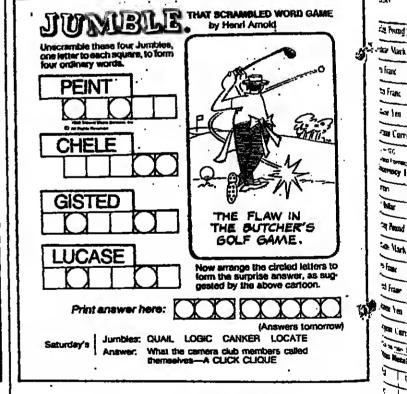
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#### HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR THURSDAY JUNE 24, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This s one of those days when the brakes are off and everyone seems cager to go after their strongest desire. Be very determined and employ your visionary manner to

but you can get into whatever quiet arrangements you wish to make to be a greater success in the days

stand your mate early but good friends are in tune with and w to aid you to realise your aims and

but then set out io the public eye to be whatever can bring you a grea-ter amount of satisfactory outlets. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Work may take time very

express yourself.

practical considerations face you and get them done in an efficient

get off to some interesting new pursuit whereby you can better

time coasun ng friend keep you from so doing. PISCES: (February 20 to March

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) A home problem delays you but in the morning get into much

39 Shore bird 43 Penn or Connery 45 Comes on stage

Yesterday's Puzzle Soh

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) A new idea can't be worked out early

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You now find it difficult to under-

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) An senciate can limit your time carts

early but then you would be wise to

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Do something tiresome first for mate then be off to attend to whatever

you can have a meeting of minds to make a project more successful. LIERA: (September 23 to October 22) Think now about whether your surroundings are as you would like them to be for you have the good vill of family and others in making them more attractive.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) After settling a money metter, you can have one of your happiest of times today so use spare hours to see and be with congenial companions.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You have to handle a personal problem early then you will be able to do what your family desires and build a greater amount of harmony there. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) Do something special for your romantic tie in the early day and from suggestions doubtlessly given to you, directly or otherwise by outside contracts, AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is your moment to sider the material aspects of your future progress and don't let a

20) An outside obligation takes some moments early but then you can use every available moment to concentrate upon what you want out of life, get lt.

### HOROSCOPE

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Unexpected and dramatic conditions work out to your satisfaction today as four solid Moon in Virgo aspects lend the active assistance of others in a most tactful and diplomatic charting of your activities. ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

This is the day for you to organise a course of action privately that can enrich your life tremendously so don't besitate but start perking. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Seek out those acquaintances of importance and you can make them into good and loyal friends now by showing them you like them, support their aims.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Go directly to anyone on a position of power or influence who knows the subject in which you are most interested and get support for your

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't be so tied to the past but reach out now into new and varied activities that you have been interested in but that intrigue your

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You see what you can do to have more of this worlds goods so let all who can help you make your ideas a reality and get their worthwhile

YIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) A fine day to contact whatever partners and associates you have

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY JUNE 25, 1993

had to draw you and them closes together but coming to new harmonious agreement. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) By listening to the views of your fellow associates and then

letting your own be known you will be able to have considerable more accord with them. SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem

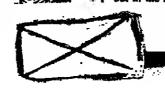
ber 21) Its just your day m get in touch with compatible persons to let them know what you like to do the most and join forces for prosent, future entertainment.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 22 to December 21) Now your own home is the place to consider the most and especially if you have any thought of moving, adding to or making attractive changes.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 10 lanuary 20) Think about how to get out from under agnoyance early, then you will be able to get out in the world to achieve whatev er is of importance.

AQUARTUS: (January 21 to February I9) You now see ways to ncrease whatever money and property you have by your own good judgment plus the help of a very prominent person. PISCES: (February 20 to March

20) Concentrate upon yourself and be just as subjective as you wish and you can bring to yourself things which you desire the most from Rfe.



# Jordan bankers have wider responsibilities, Agel says

BY Samir Shafiq Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — One of the most important changes undergone by our banking sector has been the quiet transfer of key posts to a new generation of bankers who were exposed to modern financial techniques and who are more aware of the sophisticated role of banks in shaping the economy of nation.

According to Mufleh Agel, executive manager at Arab Bank Ltd., the old generation carried the task of founding the banking system in an environment that was characterised by scarce resources and qualifications and, for a while, by the absence of a central bank. As such, this old generation of bankers adopted over the years a strategy of extreme cautiousness that focused on personal trust for short-term lending decisions

Mr. Aqel, who was addressing an economic forum organised by the Centre for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan last week, said the new generation of bankers is now venturing into ong-term funding of major projects and shifting the focus from personal evaluation to an overall analysis of projects and examination of cash flows taking into consideration the fact that the big schemes will not bear fruit until after many years of construction and operation.

The senior banker also examined the changes in the banking sector from a different perspective, by classifying them into the following five stages:

#### 1) Between 1925-1967

During this period, the banking sector was limited in terms of the number of banks, their assets and anctions, especially, as the central bank had not been set up until 1964.

Lending during this period was only for short-term financing through discounting commercial

bills or extending overdrafts.

By the end of this stage, total credits stood at JD 39 million and

### 2) Between 1968-1973

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no major or important developments took place. As such, the banking sector was mainly concerned with maintaining its stand and credibility, especially because of economic and security considerations which were prevailing and which put some pressure on the banking liquidity at that time.

#### 3) Between 1974-1981

These years witnessed an eco-nomic and banking boom. The number of banks surged to 17, with 174 branches, their total assets climbed to JD 1,330 million and credit facilities amounted JD

This stage was characterised by the first launching of bonds and the first syndicated loan extension. The Amman Financial Market was also set up during these

#### 4) Between 1982-1990

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90,793

345,456

2,220,586

79.80%

46.80%

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3,257

This period was the most

333

2,448,669

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5,021 353

424,079

75,652

348,527

1,967,977

80,40%

49 00%

5,599,060

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troublesome for the banking sys-

tem as many negative aspects

surfaced due to economic con-

tractions and the resulting foreign

exchange crisis which led to the

The assets and the profitability

depressed, although deposits at

of banks were, as a result, severe-

the commercial banks at the end

of 1988 reached JD 1,811 million,

of which JD 535 million were

foreign currencies. Credit facili-

ties at the end of 1988 stood at JD

devaluation of the dinar,

1990

307

1,930,151

712,428

2,542,579

388,766

71,137

312,307

1,853,795

96,50%

70.60%

4,050,008

#### 5) Between 1990-1992

It was in 1989 and the next few months that the monetary authorities started to reorganise the banking sector to ensure its solid and healthy standing.

Later in this period, Jordanian

expatriates began returning from the Gulf after the end of the war there and, on the banking scene, this resulted in an unprecedented high liquidity overflow which helped the economy pick up again, as it is being currently

Mr. Aqel highlighted a new henomenon whereby banks in Jordan are now entering industrial and other major economic ventures as funding shareholders and not as lending institutions.

He said banks are also beginning to accept that they should have a social responsibility and not only have profit as the sole target. As such, banks are now taking into consideration a project's national viahility and employment openings it would provide when deciding to extend a

142

679,279

129,199

808,478

59,809

9,639

76,758

563,856

83.00%

69.80%

1,070,497

578,536

168,714

24.478

1,367

14,456

126,744

75,20%

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331,912

1,747,168

228,291

38,176

201,188

1,274,415

90.10%

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credit to such a project.

Mr. Agel reviewed in his address the financial elements that exist in the Jordanian market and pointed out that deposits, as a financial aspect, totalled JD 4,749 million at the end of last year. Inter-bank deposits, he said, amounted to JD 131 million at the end of 1986 or 6.7 per cent

of the total deposits At the end of 1992, total interbank deposits amounted to JD 220 million, or 4.6 per cent of total deposits.

Other financial elements mentioned by the senior banker were banker acceptances, overdrafts, discount bills, commercial papers, certificates of deposits, stocks, government treasury bills, treasury bonds, public corporations bonds, government bonds, bonds for public shareholding companies and various types of

loans in addition to leasing. The lecturer aid that apart from the secondary market for stock trading there were no secondary markets for other financial tools. a situation which, he said, hinders the effectiveness of the overall

57,574

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79.00%

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<u>5,123</u>

33,299

75,40%

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Mr. Agel pointed out to another important deficiency in the Jordanian financial market which, he said, was the capital nceded for investment inefficiency of adequate capital needed for investment because of low income levels and law savings.

By noting that savings were a negative JD 353.1 million in 1990 and a negative JD 416 million in 1992, Mr. Agel said that such figures were the result of higher local consumption during both years, by 27.6 per cent and 7.8 per cent respectively, at a time when national income available at current prices did not increase except by 3.9 per cent and 3.5 per cent respectively. He gave as a primary factor for the mentioned percentages the increase of the population by 10 per cent due to the Gulf crisis.

The lecturer also cited a 27.6 per cent increase in imports durmg the past two years. He said that with experts remaining unchanged, the gap between imports and exports widened by 70 per cent during 1990 and 1991.

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Sterling Pound	1.4775	1.4720
Deutsche Mark	1.6960	1.7035
Swiss Franc	1.5095	1.5155
French Franc	5.7050	5.7228**
Japanese Yen	110.93	110.57
European Curreny Unit	1.1550	1.1520 **

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Ситевсу	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
U.S. Dollar	3.03	3.25	3.43	3.75
Sterling Pound	5.62	5.62	5.62	5.68
Deutsche Mark	7.62	7.31	7.00	6.56
Swiss Franc	3.00	5.00	4.81	4.50
French Franc	7.21	6.96	6.56	6.18
Japanese Yen	3.18	3.18	3.18	3.21
European Currency Unit	7.53	7.12	6.81	6.56

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Metal	USD/Oz	JD/Gm°	Metal	USD/Oz	JD/Gm
Gold ·	367.75	7.15	-Silver	4.29	0.104

	Date: 23/6/1993		
Currency	Bid	Offer	
U.S. Dollar	0.6980	0.7000	
Sterling Pound	1.0261	1.0312	
Deutsche Mark	0.4094	0.4114	
Swiss Franc	0.4597	0.4620	
French Franc	0.1217	0.1223	
Japanese Yen <sup>±</sup>	0.6291	0.6322	
Dutch Guilder	0.3651	0.3669	
Swedish Krona	0.0914	0.0919	
Italian Lira*	0.0454	0.0456	
Belgian Franc	0.01997	0.02007	

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Bahraini Dinar	1.8250	1.8500
Lebanese Lira"	0.03877	0.04117
Saudi Riyal	0.1845	0.1869
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2200	2.2900
Qatari Riyai	0.1888	0.1930
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2250
Omani Riyal	1.7770	1.8270
UAE Dirbam	0.1888	0.1930
Greek Drachma*	0.2995	0.3295
Cypriot Pound	1.3755	1.4250

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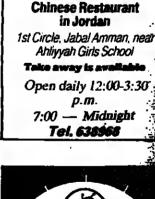
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Crumbling Bolsho

MOSCOW (AP) - The govern-

ment has issued a long-awaited

order to repair the dilapidated

Bolshoi Theatre and relocate per-

formers to a nearby stage in the

city's historic centre, a newspaper

said. The state-run Bolshoi.

whose ballets and operas have

entertained czars, Communist

Party leaders and nouveaux

riches for 168 years, needs a \$300

million renovation to rescue its ornate, red-carpeted hall. It was

built in 1825 over an underground

river that is now eroding its

foundatioo. Its plumbing dates from the 1920s and its backstage

wires. Authorities have known

about the Bolshoi's problems for de

years, but have delayed renova-

ing objections from performers

and the tremendous cost. The not

decision to begin reconstruction, it of

director Vladimir Kokonin as welcoming the step. The Bolshoi Theatre is our national herit.

age. It can't be bought, sold or

tions for various reasons, includ-

newspaper Izvestia reported the

and quoted threatre building

privatised," Mr. Kokonio said.
"Only the state — and not private companies, not Russian or for ign enterpereneurs — "ould b":

responsible for its preserv. The one of the key reasons for the lack of an interim home for performance while the repairs are made. Mr. Kokonin told Izveltia

that the government solved the

problem by ordering space to be

electrical system is a tangle of

Theatre to be

repaired

# Baku airport under rebel control

forces and some police took control of Baku airport and other strategic points in the city, the agency Post-Factum reported here Wednesday.

The independent Russian agency, quoting military sources. said some of the rebel troops were stationed at entry points into the city in case of armed clashes between the rebels and Azerbaijani police.

But the majority of the renegade troops under Surat Guseinov, a former army colonel sacked by President Abulfaz Elchibey, were still about 40 kilometres from the capital city, the agency said.

According to various radio reports, both the Azerbaijani Defence Ministry and rebel soldiers were quoted as saying there would be no bloodsbed.

The oews came as hundreds of people took to the streets in Baku Wednesday morning to take part in a demonstration organised by the Popular Front in support of Mr. Elchibey.

Mr. Elehibey, who fled Baku to his home region of Nakhichevan six days ago, told visiting intellectuals earlier this week that he would only return if Col. Guseinov's men agree to pull

TOKYO (R) — Defectors from Japan's ruling party formed a new

centre-right party Wednesday in the hope of ending almost foor

decades of single-party govern-

Former Finance Minister Tsu-

Our party was formed to put

tomu Hata, who heads the Shin-

seito (New Birth Party), told a

an end to one party rule and seize

political power. We must act as a

Mr. Hata has already opened

informal talks with the existing

opposition and other Liberal

Democratic Party rebels, hoping

a coalitioo after July 16 polls will

While Mr. Hata, 57, is the Shin-

seito's urbane front man, former

LDP Secretary-General Ichiro

Ozawa, 51, is also expected to

play a key role behind the scenes.

nants of LDP paymaster Shin Kanemaru, felled last year by a

hage illegal funding scandal.

Both men were once lieute-

After Mr. Kanemaru was dis-

graced, Mr. Hata and Mr. Ozawa

esponsed the cause of urgent

political reform to change Japan's

notorious "money politics." The pair spearheaded last Friday's

end the LDP's 38-year rule.

Tokyo news conference:

back to their former positions in Nakhichevan Adjikahul, 120 kilometres southeast of Baku.

He was forced to flee the capital after Col. Guseinov's rebels advanced from their base in Gyandhza, Azerbaijan's second city, towards Baku vowing to oust

However Col. Gaseinov Wednesday released a statement disassociating himself from recent 'confrontations" in Azerbaijan.

Without detailing which incidents he was talking about, Col. Guseinov said they bad been carried out by uncontrollable elements passing themselves off as his meo.

The Popular Front said that in the past few days several of their members had been killed in various regions of the country by Col. Guseinov's men.

In the district of Samur, on the border with the Russian Federal Republic of Dagestan, a local member of the Popular Front was fatally wounded. The front also said that two local representa-tives were killed in Shemakha and their bodies burned.

The Azerbaijan parliament was meeting in Baku Wednesday, although Col. Elchibey, pressed by parliamentary Speaker Geidar Aliyev to return, bad still not left Japan LDP rebels launch new party

ter Kiichi Miyazawa, which had

reneged on promises to legislate

against corruption in public life.

because we were born to press

forward with new power, new wind, a new voice..." Mr. Hata

told the news conference. "We

need drastic political reforms to

Earlier, be had said on televi-

sion: "It's going to be very hard

for us because we must tread a

thorny path... If we fail at re-

forming the political system, we

will not be able to live up to

broke his pledge to clean up

politics, Mr. Hata and other sup-

porters in the lower bouse voted

with the opposition to pass a

The final split came Tuesday

when the 44-strong Hata group,

which included eight upper house

member, resigned en masse from the LDP and left it in effect

without a majority in the

Mr. Hata, a former bus com-

pany executive, entered politics

in 1969, taking over the seat vacated by the death of his father.

A conservative moderate who

decision-making lower house.

no-confidence motioo.

Angered that Mr. Miyazawa

expectations of a democracy."

regain trust in politics."

"We camed the party Shinseito

Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Tofik Gasimov Wednesday travelled to Nakhichevan to meet with the exiled president, the Assa-Irada News Agency re-

Mr. Gasimov Tuesday held talks with Col. Guseinov in his stronghold of Gyandzha and later with Mr. Aliyev.

Eldar Salaev, president of the Azerbaijani Academy of Sciences, told Mr. Aliyev during talks Wednesday that Mr. Elchibey was also prepared to hold talks with Mr. Guseinov.

Mr. Elchibey was elected president last year after former President Ayaz Mutalibov fled to Mos-

But his popularity rapidly began to fall after a series of heavy Azeri defeats against Armenia in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, economie difficulties and a growing nationalism took

There are persistent, although unconfirmed, rumours that Mr. Mutalibov is set to return to

Col. Guseinov has given President Elchibey two days to resign, Turkish Radio said Wednesday, quoting the Baku-based news agency (ATA).

conspirator Mr. Ozawa had long

been tipped as possible future

The pugnacious Ozawa is wide-

Political analysts have noted in

recent days that Mr. Ozawa has

yet to clear his own name after

allegations he was implicated in

the scandal that brought down

Meanwhile a leading daily said Wednesday Prime Mioister

Miyazawa's snap election call af-

ter Friday's homiliating par-

liamentary defeat could go down in Japanese history as the "har's

According to Asahi Shimbun,

political commentators are cast-ing about for a distinctive label to

pin on the crisis sparked by Mr.

Miyazawa's failure to keep

solemn promises to act against

widespread corruption in public

One possibility being mulled is

"liar's dissolution," an unflatter-

ing reminder of the verhal

onslaught directed at the hapless

prime minister in parliament by

Socialist Party Chief Sadao

"Miyazawa can no longer be

ly regarded as the mastermind

behind the new party.

Mr. Kanemaru.

dissolution.'

the deadline in a meeting Tuesday with Mr. Gasymov in the rebel stronghold of Gyandzha. Col. Guseinov said the rebels would enter Baku and "do whatever is necessary" if Mr. Elchibey did not resign within 48 hours.

Meanwhile Turkish buisnessmen said Turkish firms may pull staff out of Azerbaijan and put investment plans on hold due to political turmoil in the oil-rich republic.

"We may withdraw our Turkish employees io Azerbaijan if conditions get worse," Guntekin Koksal, chairman of private Pet Holding, told Reuters.

Pet Holding, which has about 30 employees in . Azerbaijan, is constructing a \$7.5-million leather processing plant there. It is also involved in oil exploration and drilling deals.

Mr. Koksal said some U.S.

companies had already started to withdraw employees from Azer-A Turkish oil official said the

current chaos might delay major investments in Azeri oilfields. Turkey's state-run petroleum company TPAO hopes to sign several oil exploration and pro-duction deals with Azerbaijan.

Hong Kong

HONG KONG (R) — China and Britain traded accusations

Wednesday after talks on Hong

Kong flopped, with London hioting that Peking was bolding ma-

jor economie projects as ransom against the colony's political fu-

As Sino-British constitutional

talks opened in Peking, three

days of negotiations at the lower-

level Joint Liaison Group (JLG)

ended in Hong Kong with virtual-

ly no progress,
At the start of the JLG meet-

ing, the first after six months of

stalemate, Hong Kong hopes bad

been high that China would at least break the logiam on econo-

But a joint communique said

the two sides, at loggerheads for

months over Governor Chris Pat-

ten's democratic reform plans,

had agreed only to continue an

international science and technol-

ogy treaty after the colony re-

It also said progress had been

made on some other treaty issues,

but the main points remained

British chief negotiator Tony

Galsworthy, a Chinese-speaking

diplomat who usually chooses his

of deliberately dragging its feet.

discussion have been pretty mar-

ginal." he told a news confer-

ence. "It is clear to me that the

Chinese side approached this

meeting with the iotention of

allowing only minimal progress at

Asked why, he said: "I'm only

guessing ... that by going slow on

this work they can somebow put

pressure on the British in the

wider context." Analysts said he

appeared to be referring to the

separate talks on democratic re-

form, a sixth round of which

opened in Peking earlier Wednes-

British and Hong Kong offi-cials make little secret of their

frustration that the constitutional

talks bave made virtually no

progress after five rounds in two

But Mr. Galsworthy warned

eking against stalling at the JLG

to exert pressure on the political

front. "If they do think that, I can

say that is not effective," he said.

counterpart, Guo Fengmin, re-jected the allegation. "It is the British side which has been drag-

ging out the progress of the talks," he told a separate news

PHNOM PENH (R) — The two

unification would be a main tonic

of discussion with Prince Noro-

dom Ranariddh in their next meeting, Wednesday night or

Prince Ranariddh, a son of head of state Prince Norodom

Sihanouk, led the Royalist FUN-

CINPEC Party to victory in the

Prince Ranariddh said a plan

announced on June 10 for a nni-

fied armed forces was "working

Mr. Hnn Sen's Vietnam-

installed government controls.

45,000 regular troops and a

100,000-strong provincial milioa,

diplomats estimate. The forces of

FUNCINPEC's military branch

and those of the small Khmer

well". He gave no details.

Thursday.

election.

Mr. Galsworthy's Chinese

"The results from three days of

turns to China in 1997.

mic issues.

talks flop

# the murder of Chris Hani opened Wednesday African National Congress (ANC) supporter

demonstrates outside the Johannesburg court as the trial of three right-wingers charged with

### Mandela, Buthelezi meet in upbeat mood

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) — Neison Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi began a much-awaited summit here Wednesday in an upbeat mood, saying they were optimistic the talks would help end the violence that has plagued their rival organisations.

"This is more than just symbolic: When two men of God are chairing the meeting it is more than that," said Chief Buthelezi, leader of the Zuln-based Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

The meeting was brokered by Anglican Archbishop Desmood Tutu and Methodist Bishop Stanley Mogaba, who are co-chairing the session held at a conference centre east of Johannesburg. Chief Bothelezi said every past

bid to end the war between the IFP and the ANC had failed, but that be boped this one would be successful.

African National Congress (ANC) President Mandela agreed, saying the meeting was very important,"

"We hope to come to some sort of decision by the end of the meeting, he said.

Arch. Tntu warned, however, that it would be wrong to expect 'magic' results from the summit. "We can't just wave a wand and hope that the violence will diminish," Arch. Totu said.

But be too was optimistic that the meeting would yield results, with the simple fact that the meeting had taken place at all sending a positive message to the grassroots of both organisations. "In the 'end," the two leaders are on the same side: They have both fought against apartheid,"

Arch. Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, said it was significant that every major event in South Africa — such as Wednesday's meeting --- was preceded by an upsurge in violence.

He pointed as an example to the killings since Sunday of 45 people in Natal province, where the ANC and the IFP have been engaged for the past eight years in what is described bere as a 'low-intensity civil war.'

We seek to wipe the tears from their eyes," Arch. Tutu said, referring to victims of the latest killings in Natal. "Let what Mandela and Buthelezi do be for the good of our country." In the worst of the attacks in

Natal, hooded gunmen massacred I3 people in a shooting spree in the rural Murchison

The ANC said all were its members or supporters, and a statement from the organisation also noted that "this has been a pattern of violence since September 1990: The violence flares up in the run-up to a major step forward in the negotiating pro-

Meanwhile, the trial of three right-wingers charged with the April 10 murder of popular hlack leader Chris Hani was postponed until Oct. 4 after it opened here

Judge C.F. Eloff, acting on requests hy defence councel. agreed to a postponement and said there would be a procedural hearing on July 30 to look into claims that the state had failed to provide the defence with the

proper documents. 'I am satisfied that the request fide," Mr. Eloff said.

The defence said it bad insufficient time to prepare the case citing the large number of expert witnesses to question and difficulties in accessing the defendants beld in the maximum security wing of Pretoria Central Prison.

Peet Coetzee, the attorney for alleged trigger man Janusz Walus, also said be had a language barrier to overcome because his client's first language is Polish and bis English is not

"I takes at least twice as long (to communicate with Walus) as it would with an English speaking person." Mr. Coetzee said, calling for a postponement unol mid-

About 150 members of the African National Congress (ANC) gathered outside the heavily guarded Supreme Court in central Johannesburg from the early hours, chanting, dancing and waving hanners until security forces elad in flak jackets and with police dogs ordered them to disperse.

The killing of Mr. Hani, general-secretary of the South African Communist Party (SACP) and the most popular ANC leader after Nelson Mandela, had plunged South Africa into its worst post-apartheid political

SACP Chairman Joe Slovo, ANC vice-president Walter Sisulu and legal department chief Mathew Phosa were seen entering the courthouse, but Mr. Sisulu left shortly after the start of the

### made temporarily for the troppe at the nearby Theatre of Operette, which will given another building in the interim. Cremation urn among items left on

Japanese trains TOKYO (R) - If you bave lost a cremation urn or maybe 10 billion yen (\$100 million) in fake Japan government bonds, then east Japan railways would like to hear from you. These are among the 808,244 items left at railway stations or on trains in the Tokyo area in the 12 months up to March 31, a company spokesman said Wedoesday. Passengers also contrived to leave behind a total of I.44 billion yen (\$13 million) in cash, down about six per cent from the previous year, he said.
"The drop may reflect Japan's economic slowdown as more people switch to season tickets and take more care with the cash they carry round with them," the spokesman said. One forgotten hriefcase contained six million yen (\$54,500), he said. As in very year, umhrellas numerically topped the lost property section, totalling about 190,000. The spokesman could not say whether the cremation um, wrapped in cloth in traditional Japanese style, came complete with aslies. In overcrowded Japan most pebple are cremated when they die. East Japan Railways' latest lost property inventory included modern gadgets like pocket pagers and mobile phones. The spokesman said nearly 90 per cent of lost cash had been returned to tas owners, hut about half of the

### Faberge's fabulous 5 inventions on

forgotten items remained up-

PARIS (AP) — A rare colleged of Faberge easter eggs and other precious objects comes to Europe in September to help launch new arts foundation in the master goldsmith's former worksbop, the Louvre's Decorative Art's Museum announced. Already on exhibit in St. Petersburg, Russia, until Aug. 15, the collection of pre-revolutionary souvenirs will be in Paris from Sept. 24 to Jan. 2 before moving on to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London The traveling collection serves to launch the Faberge Arts Foundation in the one-time workshop of Carl Faberge. Renovated to its former splendor, the ornate 19thcentury mansion at 24 Bolshaya Morskaya, in the heart of St. Petershurg, will be the home of a permanent homage to Faberge. and a setting for temporary and a setting for temporary and exhibitions. Paid for by the Elica Gibbs-Faberge subsidiary of Ua-ilever, the \$1 million Faberge show was over three years in the making, said chief curator Geza De Habsburg, "This is a first, sa unique opportunity to view theke works assembled from all over the world, from 32 lenders," Mr. Habsburg said, adding that Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is among them. "Many of the ob jects were made for the czars Alexander III and Nicolas II, and the czarinas," he added. A touching piece, from the Forbes magazine collectioo in New York, is a pearl-adorned eggi with details fashioned like lilies of the valley. The "Vermeil" silver gilt surface is coloured in deep red, and the egg, standing or golden legs, is surmounted by portraits of Nicolas II and two selfhis children - all assassinated in

#### trusted to run this country," Mr. served both as finance and farm parliamentary revolt against the LDP government of Prime Minisminister, Mr. Hata and fellow Yamahana said. Aristide agrees to talks with Cedras

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -Exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and the military chief who ousted him will soon sit down for talks, a Security Council ambassador says.

Mr. Aristide agreed Tuesday to hold talks on restoring democracy, a day after the Haitian military commander, Gen. Raoul Cedras, agreed to meet with him. The development could be a major advance in ending Haiti's crisis.

Venezuelan Ambassador Diego Arria said Tuesday that U.N. envoy Dante Caputo, who has been trying to mediate talks to restore civilian rule to Haiti, is making final arrangements for a weekend meeting on the Dutch Caribbean islands of Aruba or Bonaire. But by late Tuesday evening,

achieved agreement between Mr. Aristide and the Haitian military government on the precise site of the talks, and planned to resume discussions Wednesday.

Despite the development, the U.N.'s oil and arms embargo against Haiti was to have taken effect as scheduled just after midmight Wednesday.

The Security Council approved the embargo last Wednesday, saying it would take effect in a week if military rulers did not make progress toward restoring The sanctions are the toughest

international pressure yet oo the military rulers to allow the restoration of democracy. Joe Sills, spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Gha-

talks would not stop the sanctions" from going into effect. U.S. Secretary of State Warren

negotiator with Mr. Aristide.

Gen. Cedras overthrew Mr. Aristide in 1991, seven months

Mr. Caputo's aides bad not yet li, said 'an agreement to hold

Christopher also said that such talks would not delay the new

after Haiti's first freely elected president took office.

In Port-Au-Prince, the Haitian capital, prominent leftist Max Sam said it appeared that Gen. Cedras was forced to agree to talk with Mr. Aristide — a move he previously rejected — because of the June 8 resignation of the nominal civilian prime minister, Marc Bazin.

The army previously insisted Mr. Bazin should be the proper

173 held in Italy's mafia operation CATANZARO, Italy (AFP) -A boge anti-mafia operation led to the arrest of 173 people near this southern city overnight, breaking up three families, police

the archbishop said.

said Wednesday. The arrests against the families of clan leaders Girolamo Costanzo, 42, Vincenzo Catanzariti, 38, and Giuseppe Critelli, 46, came following the confessions of a former mafia member turned

state's cvideoce. It was the first operation of its kiod in Catanzaro and was considered important by investigators because until now it had been thought there was little mafia activity in the area. The area's mafia has been essentially concentrated io the Calabria region,

200 kilometres further south. Magistrates issued a total of 280 arrest warrants, bot some people were already in prison while a further 40 managed to

The three families are accused of murder, drug trafficking, rack-eteering, hold-ups and moneyleoding. Catanzariti is suspected of having assassinated two local mafia bosses, Pietro Cosimoio in 1990 and Vincenzo Doria in 1991, cleared up as soon as possible," in order to take over their fami-

The racketeering charges against the three families are particularly severe. A husiness consortium headed by the Lodigiani group supposedly put up 200 milbons lire (\$150,000) to win a contract to dig a tunnel under the town of Catanzaro as well as 30 millions lire (\$22,500) a month in "protection" money to the Costanzo and Catanzariti fami-

Other businesses that carried out renovation work on the main squares outside the city's law courts were also forced to pay hundreds of millions of lire in extortion fees to the clans, according to police.

Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita said Tuesday he will give up his parliameotary immunity over allegations he misused funds destined for victims of a 1980 earthquake io southern Italy.

"I anı giving up my parliamentary immunity with a serene con-science so that the matter can be

the former Christian Democrat premier said.

Magistrates formally warned Mr. De Mita last month that he faced investigation in connection with rebuilding work following the quake which struke his native Irpinia area, on the border be-tween the Campania and Basilicata regions.

Some 3,000 people were killed in the disaster while 300,000 homes were destroyed. Mr. De Mita's hrother Michele

and several other people bave been arrested over the alleged misuse of relief funds to the area. In a separate development, the

government of Italian Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi easily won an initial confidence vote as it risked its political life in an effort to rid state television of party influence.

The government had a comfortable Senate (upper house) majority, with 200 votes in favour and 51 against, in a confidence vote on the first article of a bill to reform the way RAI state television is run. Cambodian coalition talks about military unity

chief town in the north, and

#### Nigeria annuls presidential election LAGOS (R) - Nigeria's military If be stays on, it will be the

government annulled Wednesday the first presideotial election io a decade with a bombshell announcement which dragged the try deeper into political cri-

The election bas been annuld," an official close to the presidency told Reuters. State radio later read out an

official statement saying the government had suspended the National Electoral Commission (NEC), which has been involved in à series of damaging legal actions since the presidencial election on The government, led by milit-

ary President Ibrahim Babangida, also repealed two decrees setting the rules for the contest between southerner Moshood Abiola and northerener Basbir

It also stopped all court proceedings resulting from disputes over the election.

The radio said a decree backing Wednesday's decision bad, 'already been signed into law in' Africa's most populous nation. The federal military govern-

ment statement was given to the таdio by Nduka Irabor, Vice-President Augustus Aikhomu's press secretary, the radio said. There was no immediate

announcement on whether General Babangida, who seized power in a 1985 palace coup, would stay on beyond Aug. 27, the day he has said he will give up fourth delay in a troubled and costly civilian rule programme over which the military bas main-

tained a firm grip.
"We are shocked. We are still hoping that something might come out of the National Defence and Security Council (NDSC) meeting in Abuja," a member of Mr. Abiola's Social Democratie Party (SDP) campaign team said

It was oot clear whether the 14-member NDSC, chaired by Gen. Babangida, was still meeting as planned in Abuja, the capital. By the time the information sinks in to the people, anything can happeo," said an Abiola

Mr. Abiola, a 55-year-old millionaire Muslim businessmen, and the SDP unilaterally declared victory at the polis last week on the basis of an unofficial and incomplete declared results.

Mr. Tofa's National Republican Convention, rooted in the mainly Muslim north which has supplied most of Nigeria's leaders, bad called for the results to be scrapped and for fresh elec-

Nigerians and international observers generally saw the election as one of the most free and fair since independence from Bri-

tain io 1960. Less than 24 hours before Wednesday's dramatic announcement, the United States government issued a statement in

Washington urging Nigeria to re-NEC stopped releasing the results abruptly last Wednesday on orders from a high court in Abu-

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said Wednesday he deplored the Nigerian government's annulment of this month's presidential election and said Britain would be reassessing relations with its former colony.

Mr. Hurd said in a statement that the decision would increase tensions in the West African state and orged all parties to "respond

"I deplore the decision of the Nigerian military government to annul the Nigerian presidential elections, suspend the National Electoral Commission and thereby to stop the transition to civilian rule," Mr. Hurd said in the statement.

"This decision is bound to have serious implications for Nigeria's relations with the international community, and the United Kingdom will have no option but to reassess its own bilateral relations with that country," Mr. Hard said without elaborating.

A Foreign Office spokesman declined to say whether this meant Britain might withdraw diplomats from Nigeria or downgrade diplomatic relations in some other way. The spokesman said Nigeria's ambassador was being called to the Foreign Office for a meeting later Wednesday. Front (KPNLF) are believed to oumber 10,000.

former battlefield enemies who will lead an interim coalition gov-The radical Khmer Rouge, ernment in Cambodia are about which dropped out of the peace to hold talks on unifying their process and tried to disrupt the armies after 13 years of civil war. election, is said by U.N. Incumbent Prime Minister Hun peacekeepers to bave 15,000 Sen, whose Cambodian People's Party (CPP) came second in last month's U.N.-run election, told reporters that details of military guerrillas in the field. FUNCINPEC, a French acrooym for National United

ral. Peaceful and Cooperative Cambodia, and the KPNLF were allied with the Khmer Rouge in the 1979-1991 civil war. Mr. Hun Sen and Prince Ranariddh have agreed to share responsibility for a coalitioo Defence Ministry and the Interior

Front for an Independent, Neut-

Ministry which controls a heavily armed police force of 40,000. They have named Prince Sihanouk commander-in-chief of the armed forces for the period of apto three months it will take a newly elected National Assembly to write a constitution and form a

more permanent administra-Prince Ranariddh beld talks with Lieutenant-General John Sanderson Wednesday, the milit-People's National Liberation ary commander of the U.N.

Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), the 22,000-strong force that enforced a fragile ceasefire for 16 months and ran the

the 1970s killed a million Cambo-

No details of their talks were announced. A military solution for dealing with the Khmer Rouge, whose reign of terror under Pol Pot in

dians, need not mean a return to war, Khieo Kanharith, Hun Sen's spokesman, told reporters Tuesdav night. "If the Khmer Rouge showed positive signs for oational reconciliation, the Khmer Rouge can

be included in the new Cambodian Armed Forces," he said. Mr. Hun Sen and Prince Ranariddh have ruled out any role for the Maoist movement in

the interim government. Skirmishing continues in the countryside between the Khmer Rouge and the forces of the Phnom Penh government, which was installed by Hanoi after Vietnamese invaders drove Pol Pot and his men from Phnom Penh.

Last weekend bridges were

blown around Siem Reap, the

Battambang, the West's main settied area. On Sunday morning two

bridges were blown along Route 5, 50 kilometres southeast of Battambang, cutting the town off for heavy trucks that bring supplies from the capital, U.N. spokes-man Michael Williams told repor-On the previous evening, a

bridge was destroyed on Route 6. 30 kilometres of Siem Reap. The bridge had been attacked earlier French eogineers with the U.N. peacekeeping force said they believed anti-tank mines

were used in the most recent attack. The attacks took place in areas where the Khmer Ronge have been active in the recent past, On Friday, two hand grenades were thrown into the market in

Battambang injuring 15 people. The day before, seven Cambodians were killed and 12 injured when their vehicle bit a Russian TM-57 anti-tank mine on Route 69 in Banteay Meanthey province in the far northwest.



### 100 years of Wimbledon's women

MissiwimbleDon (R) — When Charlotte Sterry won Stage in the ladies' singles title at Wimblean Bound don in 1895, she cycled home to Open icrahe hedge.

Consurer Informed by his daughter how nonpaidshe had spent the afternoon, he need in creplied: "Well done, I'm so glad" to less me and went back to his gardening. hall have been a worldwide erodal micelebrity, probably with her own mbing private jet. As Wimbledon cele-its because brates its 100th women's singles a tabasa in 1993, modern beroines like have is Steffi Graf and Martina Navratiproblemation might reflect they owe a ayed hard hoge debt to their predecessors.

ISONS, 1-2v. Players like Lottie Dod, who 1 perhaps won the title at the age of 15 years is the age of 15 years to make the months in 1887, spring to report History and Local spring to nangarii English women's hocke them, a The him top-class archer, golfer and ska-Kologaniter, and for good measure, was reputed to be one of the most anone in Landon Pride London Bridge circuit.

who was okong 70 a six-times champion, who was okong 70 a six-times champion at the age of 50?

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or Helene Rice, an Irish girl from Tipperary, who won the 1890 title when the entire field numbered

After the first World War came Suzanne Lenglen, the first great superstar of women's tennis in her daring dresses and coloured cardigans. Later there was "Gorgeous Gussie" Mordan, whose lace-edged panties bave passed into Wimbledon legend.

Margaret Court, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert — the list of those who have raised the profile of women's tennis is long and This year, in tribute, the All

England Club committee bave organised a series of reminders to mark the centenary, including an all-female band who will entertain the crowds on finals day

But in an age wheo the winner of the women's singles picks up a fire prize of £275,000 (\$408,000), remains increasingly hard to imagioe times when vigorous sporting activity in public was deemed

Japanese get more kicks from soccer



A scene that has been repeated nine times - Martina Navratilova receiving the Wimbledon trophy from the Duchess of Kent:

TOKYO (R) — A sports-mad teenager who wants

to take part in Japan's high school baseball

shaving almost all my hair off so I look like a

is whole team is disqualified. During the game, be

ille all must be careful not to celebrate home runs too

Now, for young Japanese who are tired of the

in much or the points are disallowed.

at reis an alternative - soccer.

ri baseball.'

officery Saturday afternoon.

n st. 7 12 which kicked off in mid-May.

contrast to baseball.

Mexican waves.

Sevilla

**Maradona** 

his disordered life."

refuse to pay

SEVILLE (R) — Sevilla have

in its fire million dollars owed to him one one-year contract.

The Spenish club said Tuesday

The Spanish club said Tuesday

their lawyers had notified the

former Argentine captain the 140 million pesetas (about \$1.1 million) payment was being withheld because Maradona had "not met his obligations to the club due to

A Sevilla statement said Mara-

dona had not appeared for train-

ing and had failed to fulfil com-mitments because of his bad im-age and his poor physical condi-tion, discrediting the club.

.35 The club have not formally

-- Maradona joined Sevilla from

month world ban from soccer for

thing abuse.

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appearances for the Andalusian

whub, has missed most of Sevilla's

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Then, before each game, he has to march io line bebind a standard bearer to military-style school

:military style and strict discipline of baseball, there

by: "You can be more of an individual in soccer,"

rsaid Masaaki Sumino, 18, who plays the game

is with their hair dyed blond - that's unthinkable in

prove -octo school soccer but also to the players and

we spectators of Japan's new professional league,

Previously, the absence of a professional league at land and the most athletically talented schoolboys

gravitated to baseball, traditionally the nation's

number one spectator sport.

Now the professional J. League is up, running

and drawing packed stadiums amid a blaze of

Jepublicity, many Japanese are finding it a pleasant

Tappointed cheerleader, soccer fans paint their

faces, blow booters, wave banners and perform

Hair styles on the field range from military crew

cut to pop star perm and rastafarian dreadlocks,

While baseball fans chant at the command of an

"You see players in high school soccer games

This sense of fun and freedom extends not only

The first champion was a vicar's daughter called Maud Watson who beat her sister in the final and won 20 guineas (32) for her efforts. Even then, the women's singles was not permitted to start until the men had

> By the turn of the century, their profile had riseo only slowly. Wrote Lottie Dod: "There are few games in which ladies and gentlemeo can joio, therefore it is all the more necessary that ladies should try to improve their play and not spoil the sport for men as they too frequently do."

Not long afterwards, the first overseas champion surfaced, May Sutton of the United States, "a chubby lass with twinkling eyes" according to the official Wimbledon history, outhit all ber British rivals, "exhaling with audible effort when she struck the ball." Uolike Monica Seles, she was spared tabloid newspapers brioging along gruntometers to mea-

Lenglen, certainly, would have been a modern reporter's dream. In 1919, during the final against 40-year-old Dorothea Lambert Chambers, ber father fortified her at changeovers with sugar soaked in brandy.

The French player duly won the first of ber six titles, proving so popular with the crowds that it precipitated a move to a bigger venue, still the home of today's world-famous formight.

American Helen Wills Moody was the next overeas talent to dominate the game, her record of eight titles between the wars lasting until Navratilova surpassed it

with a special cheer for Rui Ramos, a native of

Brazil and now a Japanese citizen, who boasts a

beard and a bippy rug of long, tangled bair.

Some players celebrate goals with wild dances in

Professional baseball is eerily similar to life in a

Japanese business company. Players are expected

to look and behave like the rest of the group,

which means a short-back-and-sides and no

"Baseball is about managing people and shutting

out outsiders," wrote a teacher to the daily Asahi

"It's a microcosm of present Japanese society

There is long bair and dyed hair in soccer, which is

very different from the sports crop of most baseball

the old Japan in which it was born - the grim

industrialism of the economic miracle and the

militarism before 1945, where disciplined groups

were seen as the best way to fight off a hostile

In the 1990s it is a different country. Many

Japanese feel more relaxed and confident and want

to enjoy themselves more freely and spontaneous-

ly. The popularity of soccer may be catering to that

lar baseball team, the Yomiuri Giants, for a

leading tabloid newspaper, and now edits a soccer magazine, puts the differences down to the foreign

influence on soccer which is missing in baseball.

Japanese assert that they play essentially different games. The few international competitions are for

outside world," said Kabe.

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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The Summer North American Championships in Toronto proved

to be a mother lode of uncommon

results, including this one. Defending against five diamonds, which

was defeated three tricks, Barry

Harper of Saskatoon, Saskatche-

wan, scored two tricks as West by ruffing. The first was a club ruff.

Can you guess what the other was? South's double of three hearts

was for takeout. Four clubs doubled

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Pass Opening lead: King of ?

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

FIND THE RUFF

Despite baseball's U.S. origins, Americans and

'Japanese baseball has been shut off from the

would have made, declarer losing two trumps and a heart. As so often

happens when you try to "rescue" partner, South's effort led to disaster.

Kudos to all who selected a heart as West's second ruff! Here's how

the play developed. West led the king of hearts and shifted to a spade,

taken by the ace. Declarer ruffed a heart low futilely and East over-

ruffed cheaply. The club return was

ruffed by West and another heart came back, ruffed and overruffed.

East tried another club, and this time West could not overruff, in-

stead discarding a heart. Now came a spede ruff in dummy and another club ruff in hand, West parting with

another heart. Declarer then exited

with the jack of spades. East won and returned a club. Declarer ruffed with the queen of trumps as West

discarded a third heart. When de-clarer tried to cash the ten of spades,

West ruffed to force dummy's last trump, then discarded the ace of

hearts as declarer ruffed a club with

the ace of diamonds. The last trick

consisted of declarer's jack of hearts, ruffed by West as dummy

and East each cootributed a black

Truth is stranger than fiction.

Kiwamu Kabe, who covered Japan's most popu-

The spartan world of baseball suited the ethos of

front of their supporters.

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ootside world.



Court and King were to drag the sport into the modern era, aided by Evert and Evonne Goolagoog, and Graf, whose first title was in 1988, is the 36th women's champion in Wimbledon bistory.

If Navratilova wins again to

claim a 10th singles crown, she will doubtless be hailed as the finest women's champion of them

Chris Evert

older first ladies just the same.

### China hits back over human rights

LAUSANNE (AFP) - China hit back Wednesday at a growing campaign to try and kill off Bejing's bid to host the 2000 Olympics because of its homan rights record.

The ripost came a day after an anti-Beijing letter from New Jersey senator Bill Bradley, an Olympic gold medallist in 1964, was distributed at the International Olympic Committee meeting here.

But Zhang Bai-Ta, depoty mayor of Beijing, argued before

the IOC that the fundamental buman right was to food. Our government has also re-

spected human rights but we have different conceptions and views,"

"The most important human right for China is to provide food to almost 1.5 billion people. That's our maio concern.

Bradley's letter to 1OC president Juan Antonio Samaranch was distributed bere by a lawyer representing an American Lob-

by, Human Rights Watch. "Holding the Games in China, while its government routinely imprisons and tortures peaceful political dissidents, would confer opoo China's leaders a stamp of approval by the intercational community which they clearly do not deserve," Bradley argued.

The House of Representatives in Washington bas also come out against Beijing.
But he Zhenliang, the IOC first vice-president and head of the

Chinese Olympic Committee, said the campaign has failed to impress here. These initiatives have been

very badly received by members of the IOC because it is dealing a blow to the Olympic principles. They have told me that it is unacceptable and have said so in

"This will not shake our coofidence and we certainly remain of bopeful of winning in Monaco,"

The IOC will choose the bost city September 23 at a meeting in the Principality. Beijing, Sydney and Manchester are front runners in a race which also includes Brasilia and Istanbul. China has pledged to spend \$50

billion improving the infrastructure throughout the country and \$3.4 billion on telecommunications and transport in Beijing if their bid is successful. Senior Olympic officials

already complained against the anti-Beijing campaign, saying that it is unwanted interference.

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### Boris tames 'baby boom boom'

LONDON (AFP) - Boris Becker had to produce his best form in over four months to tame the man they call "baby boom boom" in an explosive four-set battle on centre court Tuesday. Marc Goeliner, 22, has shot up

the rankings, beating Stefao Edberg and Ivan Lendl on the way to the Nice Open title and reaching the last 16 of the French

And when he broke the mighty Becker serve in the seventh game to take the first set, it looked as if be might be about to add his German compatriot to his growing collection of scalps from the upper echelons of men's tennis. 'It was a good first round for me. My serve was excellent, 1 hit

over 20 aces so I am content.
"I think he maybe lacked a little experience of the court and the tournament."

Looking sharper than at any time since coming back in April from nearly two months out with injury and illness, Becker shrugged off the loss of the first set to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

"After the first set he turned his motor on," Goetlner said before backing Becker to win a fourth title. "He can win. If be. serves like that for sure," he said. Despite he defeat it was an impressi e "imbledon debut for

the six leet . ve inch Goellner who pl. jed his first competitive match on grass a. Queen's Club only two weeks ago. He shoold be a serious Wimbledon proposition next year.

"I have got great strokes for grass I just need to get a little more experience," he said. World number one Pete Sam-

pras dropped the first set to Australian left handed Neil Borwick but came through fairly comfortably in four sets.

Sampras was glad to feel no reaction from the shoulder injury which had forced bim to ask for a Tuesday start in the tournament. "Last Wednesday it was so bad I couldn't brush my teeth," the American said. "But today it feh

fine and I thought I served very "Sampras had an uncharacteristic lapse when he let a first set 4-2 lead slip. He finally lost the first set 12-10 in the tiebreak but ran out a 6-7, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 winner.

Twelfth seed Michael Chang managed to avoid an unhappy hat-trick of first round exits when be completed a five set victory over the Netherlands Paul Haarhuis. The match was interrupted overnight at 3-1 for Chang in the fifth and final set. The American beld serve to go to 4-1, but allowed the Dutch lefthander clinched the win with a final game don debut.

16th seed Thomas Muster, a clay court specialist who bas never got past the first round at Wimbledon in the three times he has played io his eight year career, was beaten by France's Obvier Delaitre 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

The top three seeds in the women's singles, Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, were all easy first round wincers.

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Graf shrugged off the atten-12th seed from Bulgaria 7-5, 4-6, tioos of a German fan who

German Boris Beckier plays a backhand to his opponent (AFP) photo

shouted abuse at her, to beat

Australian qualifier Kirrily Sharpe 6-0, 6-0 in 38 minutes. She

now plays Britain's Clare Wood.

ning at Eastbourne last week and

biddiog for a record tenth title

bere, beat Australia's Michelle

have to be," Navratilova said,

women's singles lost its hist seed.

French number one Mary Pierce

had to withdraw because of a high

temperature only hours before

Conchita Martinez, the sixth

seed, and former finalist Zina

Garrison Jackson both came

through in straight sets against

Ginger Hegelson and Sabine

Katerina Malceva became the

first of the women's seeds to fall

on court when she lost in three

The Belarussian, a former French Open finalist, beat the

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Navratilova, revitalised by win-

This year's French Open runner up Mary Joe Fernandez, the fifth seed, beat Japan's Kyoko Nagatsuka 6-3, 6-0. WIMBLEDON NOTEBOOK

Jaggard-Lai 6-2, 6-1. She has a ★ Educating Jennifer: Can a two-time Weimbledon doubles tricky second round match againsi South African Ross champion teach Jennifer Capriati Nideffer. Under her maiden about winning on grass? name Fairbank, Nideffer has Capriati has hired Australian twice reached the quarter finals Paul McNamee to reveal the sechere and has given Navratilova rets of playing the lawn to the problems in the past. "Nothing Floridian, who is still looking for spectacular today but I didn't

her first grand slam title.

Jennifer Capriati, the 7th seed, McNamee knows plenty about grass courts — he won the dou-bles here in 1980 and 1992 with was given a tougher-thanexpected battle by Britain's Shirli Ann Siddall but came through in countryman Peter McNamara. three sets after dropping the first "You know he's pretty good on

ass," Capriati said after her 6-7 "I was a little off and wasn't (5-7), 6-2, 6-1 first-round victory really into the groove like I was in over Britain's Sbirli-Ann Siddall. the last two sets," Capriati, who "I mean, he's Australian, he was is being coached by Australian Paul McNamee for Wimbledon basically born on it." For now, the Capriati and

McNamee relationship is a temporary affair for Wimbledon. Sanchez beat Radha Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia 6-1, 6-1. The Spaniard next plays Austra-They started practicing together lia's Elizabeth Smylie, who overin Capriati's Saddlebrook, Florcame British veteran Jo Duri in three sets: ida, hometown for 10 days following the French Open. While Capriati survived, the

McName has been impressed by Capriati's work-rate. "I've helped ber to realize you have to be a bit more aggressive. If you want to be rewarded on grass, you have to focus on that.'

\* Outsider Ivan has big backer: Wimbledon is the only Grand Slam event Ivan Lendl has not won. Yet a bettor has backed the No. 7 seed with a 1,000-pound (\$1,500) stake at odds of 100-1 to win the title.

The bettor stands to win 100,000 pounds (\$150,000) if Lendl wins. But he hopes for better luck than last year, when he placed a similar bet on unseeded Dutch player Brenda Schultz at 200-1 to win the women's title.

She was the first player to be knocked out on day one.

\* Favourites are fastest: The two favourites to reach the women's final - Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova - are running a dead heat for the fastest women's serve on centre court after two days of play.

Both players — the only Wimbledon champions in the women's draw - were clocked at exactly 100 mph (161 kph) in their opening matches Tuesday.

Marc Goellner of Germany has clocked the fastest men's serve on centre court, but his 125 mph (201 kph) delivery Tuesday was not enough for him to overcome countryman Boris Becker.

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## New 'ethnic cleansing' reported in central Bosnia

newed outbreaks of fighting between Muslim and Croat forces in central Bosnia have brought reports of a new round of "ethnic cleansing." U.N. officials said Wednesday.

In the latest incident. Muslim villages near the town of Vares were believed to have been cleared of their populations by Bosnian Croat Forces (HVO). the officials said.

We know that round about the Vares area, the HVO has been terrorising Muslims in the villages and suggesting they should leave. said U.N. Protec-tion Force (UNPROFOR) spokes woman Colonel Tricia Purves.

Yesterday, it went a bit further and we understand that in three villages the families were forcibly moved out.

She said UNPROFOR had no direct knowledge of the incident. but reports from people fleeing the villages suggested that it was

Vares is 50 kilometres north of the besieged capital Sarajevo in central Bosnia, which is the probable location for a Muslim state that would be created under an ethnic division of the former Yugoslav republic proposed by

the Serbs and Cmats. The division of Bosnia into Serh. Cruat and Muslim states was heing discussed at peace talks which opened in Geneva Wednesday under the chairmanship of international and Lord Owen.

fighting in central Bosnia to expand their territory with a view to increasing the size of their future

"Ethnic cleansing"—the forci-ble removal of one ethnic group by another — has generally been blamed on the Bosnian Serhs. But since the breakdown in their alliance against the Serbs. warring Muslim and Croat forces have been increasingly accused of

employing the practice to consolidate territorial gains in disputed areas of central Bosnia. Russia said Wednesday that territorial gains achieved by force or "ethnic cleansing" must not be

rewarded in any settlement of the

Bosnian conflict. A foreign ministry statement listed seven conditions for a solid and viable peace plan, including the inadmissibility of consolidating territorial or other gains achieved with the help of force or as a result of ethnic cleansing."

Russia. a key player in the crisis because of its traditional close ties to Serbia, said it hoped a final peace agreement could be reached at the Geneva talks.

Serbs and Croats were to exchange 279 prisoners Wednesday at Celchic in southwest Bosnia-Herzegovina, the agency Tanjug

The Croats agreed to release 104 Serbs imprisoned in Croatia and 50 others arrested in territor-

mediators Thorvald Stoltenberg ies under Croat control in Bosnia. For their part, the Serbs agreed Croats and Muslims have been to free 125 Croats held in Serbcontrolled areas of Bosnia.

The exchange was agreed during a meeting held last week in Pakrac, west Croatia, between representatives from Croatia, and Bosnian Serhs and Croats.

The leader of the Bosnian Serhs. Radovan Karadzic, also announced Tuesday during an interview with the daily paper Vecernje Novosti that he had reached an agreement with his Bosnian Croat counterpart. Mate Boban, for a swap of civilian prisoners during a meeting held in Montenegro on Sunday.

Mr. Karadzic said X.000 Bosnian Serbs from the south of the country were to be transferred to areas under Serb control.

At least nine people were killed and eight injured in Serb shelling on the central Bosnian town of Zenica, northwest of here. Sarajevo Radio said Wednesday.

Four shells fell on downtown Zenica, a Muslim-held town. from Serb positions in the hills overlooking this town of J00,000 residents, the report said, In all, three shells hit during

the night and two Wednesday morning, according to the radio.

Zenica was also shelled Monday evening, despite the latest ceasefire which took effect across Bosnia-Herzegovina last Friday but has been breached in a num-

VIOLENT LAWMAKING: Lawmakers from the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) comforts Huang Chao-hui, also a DPP legislator, who bleeds from a head wound sustained from violent clashes with Shih Tai-sheng from the ruling Kuomintang at the budget committee Wednesday during a debate on construction of Taiwan's fourth power plant (AFP photo)

### Egypt warns of escalation as Sudan closes consulates

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt warned on Wednesday that Sudan's closure of Egyptian consulates marked an "escalation" in the crisis between the two neighbours over the disputed territory of

This escalation will only lead to another, but we hope reason will prevail and that bridges will remain open," said Foreign Minister Amr Musa, quoted by Al Ahram newspaper.
Mr. Musa said the decision was

a "mistake". Ahead of next week's Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Cairo, Sudan on Tuesday ordered the closure of two consulates in Sudan on suspicion of espionage as well as Sudanese

consulates in Egypt.
Sudanese Foreign UnderSecretary Omer Yousef Bridou
told a press briefing that his government had ordered Egypt to close the consulates in Port Sudan and Al Obeied within a

monitored activities by the consplates that were inconsistent with their diplomatie status.

The consulates have engineered conspiracies against Sudan's security, territorial integrity and sovereignty. he said

without elaborating. Mr. Bridou said Foreign Minister Hussein Suleiman Abu Salih sent a message Friday to the U.N. Security Council complaining that Egypt had violated Sudanese sovereignty and international norms by unilaterally demarcat-

ing a disputed border by de-

Mr. Abu Salih appealed to the council, said Mr. Bridou, to contain what he called an explosive

The minister asked the United Nations to persuade Egypt to withdraw its troops from Halaib to allow for a negotiated settlement on the territory, which both

situation in the disputed territory

countries claim. Sudan is expected to bring up the land dispute at the OAU summit. The two countries are also at odds over Egyptian charges that Khartoum is backing Islamic militants in their war on

the government. In Cairo for a preliminary OAU foreign ministers' confer-ence, Mr. Abu Salih told the official Egyptian news agency MENA late Tuesday that he would have to consult his embassy over the closure of consulates. MENA said he "looked sur-

prised" by Khartoum's decision. Mr. Bridou said Sudan had foreign ministers have held two meetings since Sunday but apparently without a break-through on the land dispute, which erupted in late 1991 when Sudan granted a concession to a Canadian oil firm.

Sudan has since placed longestablished Egyptian schools in the country under its control along with the Khartoum section of Cairo University.

It also ordered the return from Egypt of Sudanese students after Cairo arrested 31 Sudanese in May, three of them on charges of spying for Khartoum and Iran.

### Grenade hurled at Israeli military HQ in Ramallah

Jordan played significant

role in Vienna conference,

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jorda-heads of delegations representing

nian delegation to the World various Arab. Islamic and friend-

ly states at bilateral and group

levels to coordinate stands to

pursue fruitful cooperation.

These endeavours, which were

similar to Jordan's democratisa-

tion experiment... had a great influence in leading the confer-ence to the success it achieved."

at the conference, he said, was

the general stand on the Bosnia-

Herzegovina issue after the Bos-nian foreign minister delivered an

address criticising selectivity in implementing U.N. Security

Council resolutions and double standards adopted in dealing with

international issues. Following

that, all the states including Jor-

dan sought to adopt a proposal ealling on the U.N. Security

Council to protect the Muslims of

He said some newsoapers were

attempting to minimise the role

of the conference and its achieve-

ments, affirming that those who

wrote in such a manner were

viewing the conference from a

personal angle and thinking that

certain extent on mixing human

rights with their countries' politic-

At the cooference a lot of

concern has emerged in economic

rights and development since they are of the people's rights and part of the human rights, he said.

citing as an example the U.S. support for the social and econo-

Sharif Fawwaz said "high spir-

its" which characterised the con-

ference in which more than 169

world countries and 900 non-

governmental organisations par-ticipated,

would not achieve their person-goals which are based to a

Bosnia, he said.

positions.

mic charter.

Of the most prominent events

**Sharif Fawwaz reports** 

Conference on Human Rights

which opened in Vienna June 14

returned to Amman Wednesday.

Head of the delegation Sharif

Fawwaz said the Jordanian de-

legation dealt with all issues in

the conference with confidence.

basing its stands on free democra-

heading to a new general elec-

tions and this event was highlight-

ed in several occasions during the work of the conference to affirm

Jordan's real role in the field of human rights." Sharif Fawwaz

stands for propaganda reasons —

but because these positions stem

from Jordan's real experience

which is witnessed by the Jorda-

He said that human rights orga-

nisations commended Jordan's

stands on human rights and ex-pressed respect for these stands.

the Kingdom's support for non-

governmental organisations. underlining that the Jordanian

delegation itself included several

figures from non-governmental

Sharif Fawwaz said the address

delivered by His Royal Highness

Crown Prince Hassan at the out-

set of the conference was re-

ceived with attention and respect

because it was an important one

in which the Crown Prince ex-

pressed the Kingdom's views on

The conference, he said, pro-

ceeded well to success, adding

that the Jordanian participation

had an effective role in the works

"Since the start, I contacted

human rights issues."

of the conference,

human rights organisations.

He said several times he voiced

nian eitizens." he added.

"Jordan does not adopt these

We explained that Jordan was

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM refugee camp. Arab reporters (Agencies) — Unknown count 35 youths arrested in Rafah (Agencies) - Unknown assailants on Wednesday threw a grenade at the headquarters of the Israeli military administration in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah.

The army opened an investiga-tion into the explosion which caused light damage to the building but caused no injuries, a

spokesman said, The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP). a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) faction opposed to the Arab-Israeli peace talks, claimed responsibility for the

In a statement from Damascus. the DFLP said its fighters wounded some people and returned safely to their "bases."

"Our heroes will pursue their struggle against the occupation forces until the closure of the occupied territories is ended and until Palestinian national rights are recognised," it said.

Israel cut off the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Israel at the end of March to curb growing violence against Israelis. Two children were shot and injured by Israeli soldiers and one

man was killed by fellow Palestinians Tuesday in the occupied Gaza Strip, according to Arab reponers. The two children, cousins aged

une and twu, sustained bullet wounds in their legs when the army opened fire at stonethrowing youths.

The unrest followed the arrest of Attiah Hashash, 15, in Rafah

over the past three days. Israeli human rights activists have criticised the military for the

escalating toll among children over the past months, with 12 children under age of 14 shot dead between May and Decem-

Prison wedding for killer

An Israeli jailed for life for shooting dead seven Palestinians married his Canadian girlfriend and consummated the marriage before returning alone to his prison cell on Wednesday.

Ami Popper wed Sara Goldberg at Ayalon prison near Tel Aviv on Tuesday. The couple were allowed one night together in a special prison room.

The ceremony, complete with wine, food and dancing, was attended by 70 guests including Joseph Alster of the anti-Arab Kach movement.

Popper, 24, ignited Arab-Jewish violence and brought world condemnation on Israel in May 1990 when he shot into a crowd of Palestinian workers in Rishon Lezion near Tel Aviv with an assault rifle, killing seven and

wounding 10. In subsequent clashes in the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank, tsraeli soldiers shot dead 14 more Palestinians. The United States vetocd a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for a U.N. fact-finding tour to look

into the unrest. An Israeli court sentenced Popper to seven life terms plus 20 years in 1991

### Study: U.S. could fight 2 major wars concurrently

By Robert Burns The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A study prepared for the U.S. Air Force says the U.S. military could fight and win two wars on the scale of the 1991 war against Iraq even with the smaller defence force proposed by the Clinton administra-

The study by Ran Corporation is part of a debate on how much U.S. defence spending can be cut with the end of the cold war and leave the country with enough military strength to meet the goal of fighting and winning two major regional wars at the same time. The study coincides with a

comprehensive "bottom up review" of U.S. defence policy by Defence Secretary Les Aspin to match the war-fighting strategy with shrinking defence dollars. It said the key to maintaining

military superiority into the 21st century is equipping existing aircraft and other forces with new "brilliant" munitions and ex-

paneing U.S. scalift and airlift, The study assessed by a U.S.

current crises — a large-scale invasion of Kuwaii and Saudi Arabia by a rearmed Iraq. followed by a North Korean invasion of South Korea. The attacks were assumed to take place after 1997, when U.S. torces would be much smaller in number but equipped with more advanced weapons.

response to two imagined, con-

The study concluded that U.S. forces equipped with existing munitions could stop a large-scale tragi invasion in nine to 14 days. but not before the Iragis came within striking distance of Dhahran, the critical eastern Saudi oil port. With advanced munitions, the invasion could be stopped in few days.

If the Korean invasion came three weeks or more after the start of the Iraqi assault. U.S. air. sea and ground forces not already engaged in the Gulf could link up with U.S. army forces permanently stationed on the Korean Peninsula and balt the Ko-

### Inside Rudolf Nureyev's home a gloomy world

PARIS (R) — Fading velvet (R) let costumes hang lifeless on a

coatstand in the entrance to

Rudolf Nureyev's gloomy Paris

apartment, decorated with heavy drapes, dark leather panels and austere paintings of male nudes. An auctioneer's tour of the Russian-born Maestro's riverside Quai Voltaire home offered a unique posthumous glimpse into the brooding private world of one of the century's greatest dancers.
A secretive, temperamental genius. Nureyev died of AIDS in this apartment last January at the age of 54. Like self-conscions voyeurs, a group of journalists were admitted to Nurevev's same tuary for the first time Tuesday. No cameras were permitted. The sombreness of his home, full massive, dark furniture, contrasted with the exuherance of dazzling stage performances which, in the words of one critic. "rolled back the frontiers of the impossible." His art collection, crammed into homes in Paris, New York, Virginia. Monte Carlo. Nice and an Italian island off Capri, is to be auctioned by Christie's for charity in London next December and New York in January. The sale, which Christie's European Vice-Chairman François Curiel said was expected to raise \$5-7 million, will beg heralded by a series of "prom" otional events". This tour was the first. Some of his stage costunes will be sold, but others are to be preserved in a museum room. probably at the Paris Opera. In A keeping with his will, the pro-ceeds will go to two foundations based in Liechtenstein and the zi United States created to help dancers, promote ballet and aid medical research. Nureyev, who

#### Clinton finds 'half brother' appealing, humble

an accumulator of art.

defected to the West penniless in

1961, was a compulsive collector,

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man who contends he is Bill Clinton's half-brother impressed the president during a round of television interviews. Mr. Clinton said Henry Leon Ritzenthaler was "very appealing and humble - the way he's handled this whole thing." But the president did not say whether he believes. Mr. Ritzenthaler is related, and aides said Mr. Clinton has wir discussed the matter in private. "This is a very personal matter," spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said. The president still had not contacted Mr. Ritzenthaler, and Ms. Myers said Mr. Clinton may wait a day or two to give Mr Ritzenthaler "a little space." Mr. Ritzenthaler and his wife, Judith, My said they were shocked by the media's interest in their story. rather kept it in the family," she told ABC. Mr. Clinton tried to

Ouite frankly, we would have call Mr. Ritzenthaler at his Paradise. Calif., home and in New York, where the interviews were conducted. Looking uncomfort 3 abie. Mr. Ritzenthaler told televi-i 125 sion interviewers he did not resistant turn the calls because "I dide feel that it was my place." The Ritzenthalers said they wrote Mr. Clinton a year ago to learn about Mr. Clinton's family history because the California man hasheart trouble. "That's our main" reason for doing it and that's our main goal to this day," Mr. Ritzenthaler told CNN. Mr. Clinton did not respond to the letter, but the couple said the assumed Mr. Clinton was too busy. Mr. Ritzenthaler said he would like Mr. Clinton to acknowlege that they

are related. "I know he's my half-brother. I know he is in my.

mind, my own heart. I hope he-

reaches the same idea," he told!

CBS. "I don't want nothing from

Mr. Clinton at all. I don't want no:

### LI Peng in hospital again

tavours or nothing."

HONG KONG (AFP) Chinese Premier Li Peng is back... in hospital in Peking, suffering from a flu, but he still plans tomeet Australian counterpart Paul Keating, a Hong Kong newspaper said Wednesday. Mr. Li, 65, who spent nearly two months inhospital with what Chinese offihospital with what chinese was insisted was a cold, which in the cold, was insisted was a cold, which in the cold, which is the cold, was insisted was a cold, which is the cold, which is the cold, was in the cold, which is the cold, readmitted to hospital Monday. the Ming Pao daily said quoting sources in the Chinese capital. Though his condition was considered not serious, Mr. Li wasworried that the virus might complicate a heart condition, the sources said. Doctors earing for Mr. Li believed he would be able; to return to work as usual at the end of this month, although their want him to cut down his work rean onslaught quickly enough to load and end his habit of working turn it back, the study concluded.

### **NEWS IN BRIEF** Gulf war veterans develop 'radiation sickness'

LONDON (AFP) - Hundreds of British Gulf war veterans are developing radiation sickness, including infections, fatigue, and in some cases bleeding gums, hair loss and facial paralysis, the Today newspaper reported Wednesday. The report said that similar symptoms had affected 14.000 veterans in the United States. A dozen British victims could have suffered damage to their immune system caused by exposure to uranium-tipped weapons, toxic fumes from Kuwaiti oil fires or Iraqi nerve gas, Today said. The paper said the radiation could have come from depleted uranium used on tankbusting missiles fired by the U.S. Thunderbolt planes. The missiles fragment on impact, releasing particles into the

### PLO, Israeli youth leaders meet in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (R) — Leaders of youth groups from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israeli Labour Party began a three-day meeting to discuss the preconditions for Middle East peace Tuesday, the news agency TT reported. The Swedish foreign ministry supplied last-minute visas for the two delegations but the conference was arranged by the SSU, youth wing of the opposition Social Democratic Party. Ofer Dekel, general secretary of the Israeli Labour Party's youth wing, and Samir Subaihat, chairman of the Tunis-based Palestinian Student Organisation, led the two delegations at a lakeside conference centre neaer Stockholm

### Israel-North Korea meeting in next few days

TEL AVIV (AP) - An Israeli delegation wil meet with North Korean officials in the next few days to try to talk them out of selling medium range missiles to Iran, a foreign ministry official said Wednesday. The meeting is to take place by early next week, likely in Peking, said foreign ministry spokesman Rafi Gamzou. North Korea plans to sell medium-range Rodong I missiles, also known as Scud-DS, to tran. The missile has a range of 1,000 kilometres and could reach Israel from Iran. Israel will tell the North Koreans that they are better off improving their trade and reputation with the West Bank than doing business with outcast

### Burglar with AIDS scares off Israeli police

TEL AVIV (AFP) — A burglar with AIDS has escaped arrest by cutting himself and threaten to smear police officers with his infected blood, a police spokesman said Wednesday. Officers armed with a warrant failed to arrest the 30-year-old in Haifa Wednesday when he slashed his hand. 'tt's not the first time he has done this." Haifa police spokesman Mouki Zamberg told AFP. "this man is known to have the disease and it's a problem to put him in jail. We will have to put him in an isolation cell and tor the moment we don't have one." Mr. Zamberg said the burglar had already served time in jail and was suspected of dealing in drugs as well. He had been identified breaking into a flat in Haifa last week.

### MSF warns of food crisis in Ethiopia's Ogaden

NAJROBI (AFP) - International aid agency, Medecins Sans Fruntieres (MSF) has warned of alarming food shortages Ethiopia's Ogaden and called for urgent international relu assistance for the southeastern desert region. In a statement, (Doctors Without Borders) said a survey around Gode came where 44,000 people, mainly displaced and returnees are settled, showed that 44.4 per cent of children under 110 centimetres in height were malnourished, while 13.4 of them were suffering from

### North Korea again snubs talks

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea again scuttled plans to hold working-level talks with the South by failing Wednesday to respond to a proposal from Seoul, a government official here said. A national unification board official said the North's failure to respond to Seoul's proposal before the hotline at the border truce village of Panmunjom shut down for the day made the talks. planned for Thursday, highly unlikely. It was the latest in a month-long flurry of messages and counter-messages aimed at restarting talks which have been frozen since January.

### U.S. to press UNITA to resume talks

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LUANDA (AFP) - The United States is going to try to persuade the rebel movement UNITA to resume peace talks with the Angolan government, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, George Moose, said here Wednesday. He said the official inauguration of the American embassy Tuesday during his two-day stay marked U.S. commitment to democracy in Angola.

### Israel to revive camel patrol for Sinai

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The Israeli army is to revive its camel-back patrols to guard the border with Egypt in the Sinai desert, a military source said Wednesday. The source said the main task of the small unit would be to combat bedouin smugglers bringing goods in from Egypt. "Jeep patrols have proved more or less in fective against these smugglers because of the geography," he said. The army had a camel-back patrol trained by Israeli bedouins but it was scrapped shortly after the Sinai's return to Egypt in 1982.

### Fire rages near exiles' tent camp

MARI AL ZOHOUR. Lebanon (AP) — A forest fire raged Wednesday near the tent camp of 396 Palestinian expellees in southeast Lebanon, and their spokesman blamed Israel for the

The spokesman, Gaza physician Abdul Aziz Rantisi, also told reporters the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was in contact with the govern-ments of Lebanon and Israel to arrange the repatriation of one of the expellees.

Lebanese police in Rashaya, provincial capital of the western Bekaa region, said the fire was touched off by machine-gun rounds from Israel's self-styled "security zone" overnight.

The zone is routinely patrolled by 1,200 Israeli troops and 2,500 militiamen of the Israeli-allied South Lebanon Army (SLA). Olive groves and wheat fields

in hills just 1.5 kilometres south of Marj Al Zohour camp were ablaze with no one trying to combat the fire between Lebanese and Israeli army lines. police and local reporters said.

Reporters said there were no fire engines in the region and villagers near the scene would not venture towards the burning groves because they were afraid the Israelis or the SLA would shoot at them.

The camp, where the expellees have been stranded since their expulsion by Israel Dec. 17, was in no immediate danger so far.

said a police spokesman.
"But if the wind changes its current southerly direction to blow north and if the current heat wave does not relent, then there is a threat the flames would leap towards the camp." the spokesman said.

Dr. Rantisi said the fire was a "deliberate attempt by tsrael to terrorise us but we shall not panic. We are used to tsraeli Tics. But the police spokesman dis-uted Dr. Rantisi version, saying

he Israelis or the SLA routinely fire at the olive groves to guard against infiltration attempts by guerrillas. This is the first time since the deportees arrived that shooting from the security zone touched off a forest fire. It is probably

because of the current heat wave," the spokesman said. Dr. Rantisi said Ali Abu Ajweh. 37, an Arabic lecturer from the Islamic University in Gaza and a father of seven. would be turned over to the ICRC if the All-Swiss Humanitarian Organisation guarantees that

he would be taken home, not to "Nothing concrete has developed in his case yet. We are waiting for the International Red Cross to come. We have 70 other patients who need hospitalisation and we have prepared a list of their names and condition," Dr. Rantisi said.

He said the ICRC were engaged in negotiations with the Lebanese and Israeli governments to "agree on how Abu Ajweh could be taken back." Mr. Abu Ajweh is diagnosed by the camp's medical committee

as suffering from schizophrenia,

and Israel was recently reported

to have agreed to allow him back.

Tehran police raid teenage party and arrest 30 dancers

raided a party in a west Tehran lim mourning month of Moharhome and arrested more than 30 am, appeared to be the biggest in dancing teenagers as part of a several years. crackdown on "social corrup-tion" Jomhuri Islami newspaper

reported Wednesday. Eleven girls and twenty-one boys were caught in an "ugly and repulsive condition," it said. The paper did not specify when the raid, part of a crackdown since

Monday, took place. "Boys and girls were dancing and cavorting in mixed company and half-naked," it said, implying the females were not covered up in line with the Islamic dress

Police, who were tipped off by a telephone caller, tound alcohol. a video camera and 46 "decadent" video cassettes, the Islamic conservative daily said, referring

to Western movies. It said around 500 women were arrested Monday and Tuesday in the crackdown aimed at enforcing the dress code and stemming the flow of Western culture into the

The women would be freed after pledging not to repeat their offence. But they could receive harsher punishment if arrested a second time. Jomhuri warned. It urged judges to hand down tougher sentences and blasted the

country's educational system for

failing to stop the young from pursuing Western trends. "Eighty per cent of the women who were arrested in the past couple of days were under 18, meaning they have received their education after the revolution and are supposed to have had an Islamic upbringing." the paper

The crackdown, coinciding

TEHRAN (Agencies) - Police with the start of the Shi'ite Mus-

Tehran's police commander, Abdullah Oghabai, has warned his forces "would not be responsible if they acted violently against those who persist on their corrup-

"Some people do not want to understand that there has been an Islamic revolution in this country," he said. A police statement warned

Sunday that women who disregarded the dress code could face arrest and trial if spotted in the streets or passing cars. Iran has been ruled by Islamie law, since the 1979 revolution which toppled the pro-Western Shah. Under the dress code,

women must wear the black cha-

dor or long raincoats and scarves

to conceal their hair, Following the recent wave of crackdown on women, Maryam Rajavi the secretary general of the rebel Mujahedeen-e-Khalq organisation, addressed a message to Iranian women, urging them to actively defy "brutal

attacks" by the regime's agents. Mrs. Rajavi said: "In the wake of the failure of the June 11 sham elections and its nationwide boycott, and fearful of the escalating public discontent and popular demonstrations, the mullahs have launched an extensive wave of arrests on the pretext of "promotion of virtue and prohibi-

In the past Iranian women have been flogged, fined, or jailed for violating the dress code which requires women to show no more than their face and hands in